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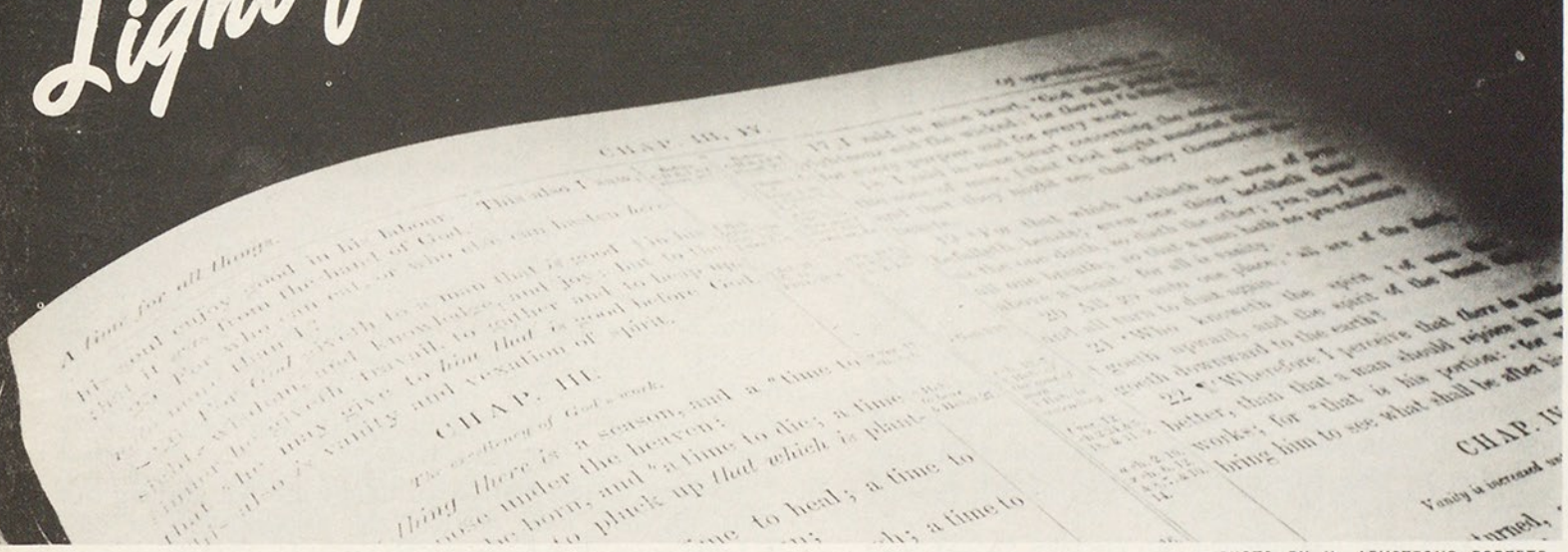
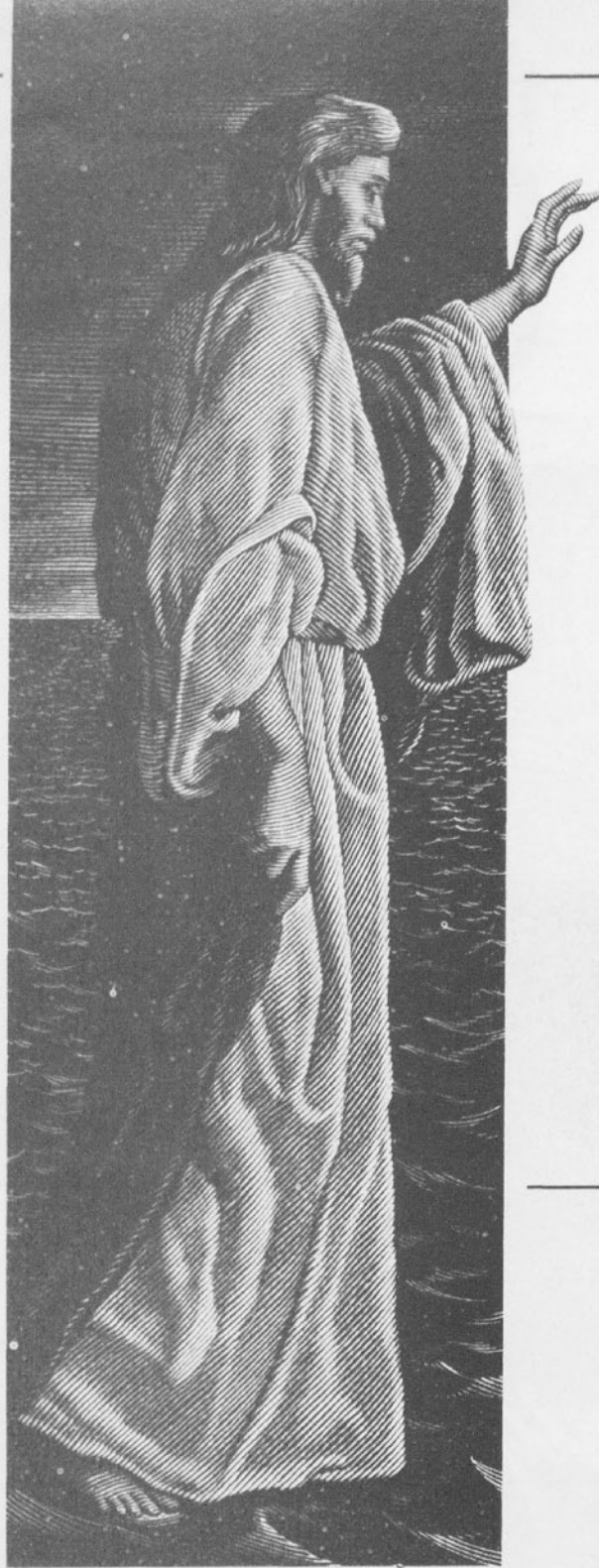


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TODAY IS UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY!



In the Fourth Watch of the Night

By Frank J. Lindquist

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IN MATTHEW 14:25 WE READ, "AND IN THE FOURTH watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea." The fourth watch is the period from 3 to 6 A.M. These are the dark hours just before dawn. When one is in a hospital, or on a sick bed at home, the early part of the night may not be so hard but as the hours drag by pain mounts, strength ebbs, and the fourth watch is the hardest to bear.

Christ's disciples had witnessed a mighty miracle of creation the day before this. Jesus had taken five loaves and two fishes and as He blessed and broke the bread a miracle of creation took place. It multiplied in His very hands so that five thousand men besides women and children were fed.

Then Jesus had "constrained his disciples to get into

the ship . . . and to go to the other side." They were acting on His orders. Jesus tarried behind to send the people away, and then to pray.

The Sea of Galilee is so situated among hills that it is subject to sudden violent storms. Peter and the others in the boat were experienced fishermen and knew all about the lake, but their best efforts failed. They were in apparent danger of drowning. Yet they were obeying Jesus! He was the one who had said, "Go to the other side." Their experience proves that even after great blessing we may be in trouble and while obeying Jesus we may still have trials.

We may reason that, since things are not turning out right, we must have received the wrong direction. But if Jesus says, "Cross over," He will enable us to cross

over, whatever may be involved. He does not intend for us to go to the bottom.

I like to think that Jesus knows our every trial. He knows every temptation. He is a high priest who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

All through the night the storm raged, mounting in fury until by the fourth watch the disciples were exhausted. They were almost ready to give up when Jesus came to them, "walking on the sea." Now, if Jesus walked on that water He was feeling the storm along with them. He was sharing their fourth watch experience.

As He drew near to the boat they saw Him, but in the darkness and confusion they failed to recognize Him. They cried out for fear because they thought He was a ghost. So we may not always recognize our Lord immediately when He comes to us in our need in an unexpected way.

Mark 6:48 says He would have passed them by, but they cried out. Then He spoke to them: "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid." The Amplified New Testament renders this, "I AM, be not afraid." That takes us back to Exodus 3:14 where God revealed to Moses at the burning bush His great redemption name, Jehovah, the I AM of the Old Testament. Now one who could say I AM walks on a stormy sea to deliver His own. He is the timeless eternal one. He is not the "I was"; He is the I AM.

He is the same today as He ever was. His power is the same; His desire to help is the same. When Jesus called to His disciples they recognized His voice and forgot their fears. Peter was so intrigued with Jesus' walking on the water that he said, "Bid me come unto thee on the water." "And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus." Miracle faith enabled Peter to step out and walk on the water.

If we keep our eyes on Jesus we too can walk on the water—literally, if necessary, but certainly in a spiritual sense God will enable us to walk in victory on the very troubled seas that would have overwhelmed us. But when we get our eyes off Jesus and see the boisterous winds—the symptoms and the circumstances, the unfavorable environment—we begin to reason about that and soon we are sinking. That is what happened to Peter. "When he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried saying, Lord save me."

I do not know what water you will have to walk on. I do not know what is the fourth watch of the night for you. But I know this, that in your extremity Jesus will draw near with miracle steps to help you. If you want your faith to grow, use the little faith you already have. If you want your faith to grow, associate with people that believe God. Doubters can rob you of your faith. They say, "I can't see, so I don't believe!" Let us exercise that simple faith that believes God because He is the great I AM and not because of what we see or fail to see.

"In the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them." That seems to strike my heart so strongly. When things are at their worst, when troubles assail you and threaten to overwhelm you, look for Jesus to come to you in His own way. He who sent the disciples to cross Galilee did not let them perish in a storm. What He begins He can finish. He will come to you in the darkest

Hitherto hath the Lord helped us . . .

WEEK OF PRAYER

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Wilt thou not revive us again . . . ?

hour of the night, in the fury of the storm, in the time when your strength is gone.

The storms of life are His opportunity to reveal Himself in a mighty way.

We are living in the fourth watch of the night as far as world history is concerned. It is time for Jesus to come. Romans 13:11, 12 tell us, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

That wonderful Saviour who paused to pray on the mountain was fully aware of the storm-tossed boat on the sea below. And now that He is in heaven He is just as aware of the help His children need in this trying hour. You need have no fear. He will come to you in good time, walking on the turbulent waters to bring you the victory. ◀◀

Faith

If I were rich in faith I could no more be poor,
For faith is God's gold key that opens every door;
No towering mountain, though it fill the space around,
Can block the Christian's path when simple faith is found.

Faith does not rest its gaze on what the worldling sees;
Faith looks at things unseen, and always counts on these.
Faith does not weep because the mountain standeth there,
Faith knows that God can make it vanish in the air.

Faith knows our Heavenly Father never travels late;
Faith always sings and smiles, and settles down to wait:
Faith knows the perfect moment will at last arrive,
When God will prove to all that He is still alive.

Faith grows within the shade, and blossoms in the dark;
Faith does not need the morning sunshine like the lark.
Faith sings within the clouds; it does not fear the night;
Faith knows that when God's time arrives it will be light.

Faith praises God, although it does not understand;
Faith trusts in God, although it cannot feel His hand.
Faith knows that God is there, observing every act;
Faith does not doubt, but trusts the great eternal Fact.

Faith can be brave when all around are full of fear;
Faith knows that friends, not enemies, are the most near:
Faith surely knows the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Are nearer than the persecuting, godless host.

Faith knows that faith like this is not obtained from earth;
Faith knows such trust must have a true and heavenly birth.
Such faith is not by soulish effort self-attained;
Faith comes from God—from Him the gift must be obtained.

Give us this living faith, we cry to Thee, dear Lord;
No gold of earth can such a priceless gift afford.
I will no longer seek to purchase it from Thee;
I simply ask, for Christ's dear sake, "Lord, give it unto me."

—P.G.P.

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WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years. WE BELIEVE in the Blessed Hope, which is the Rapture of the Church at Christ's coming. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

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This is Universal Bible Sunday, the once-a-year occasion when the American Bible Society urges Christians in all churches to help in promoting its great program. The Society now has three main objectives: (1) to translate the Word into new languages; (2) to distribute it universally; and (3) to encourage people to read it.

The third objective has become increasingly important, for while more English-speaking people are buying Bibles fewer are reading them. What is the good of having the Bible in our churches, homes, offices, schools, and other places too numerous to mention if we do not open it and let its sacred light shine into our hearts?

The Bible is the universal Book. It is better known and loved than any other. It is found in almost every country. It deals with man's universal needs.

The most famous and honored leaders of our nation have lived and died by this Book. We want American boys and girls of this generation to be acquainted with it, and we resent the fact that the Supreme Court has discouraged teachers from reading it aloud in the classrooms.

We are amazed that the court's decision has not evoked a louder volume of protest. The fact that some religious groups have tolerated or even endorsed the ruling is indication of a spreading liberalism that is willing to sacrifice moral and spiritual values to satisfy vocal minority groups. In a day when juvenile crime is rising and millions of children are being brought up without any knowledge of God's laws, America needs more Bible reading and not less. The future stability of American society requires a respect for law, and our laws are based on the Bible.

There is some resistance to the Court's position. Several states and a number of school boards are insisting that the Court's interpretation is not the law of the land. Congress has never passed a law prohibiting prayer or Bible reading in tax-supported schools. Neither has any state legislature. The practice therefore is continuing in many places, and pressure reportedly is mounting at Washington for an amendment to the Constitution which will guarantee the voluntary practice of prayer and Bible reading in public schools and other tax-supported institutions.

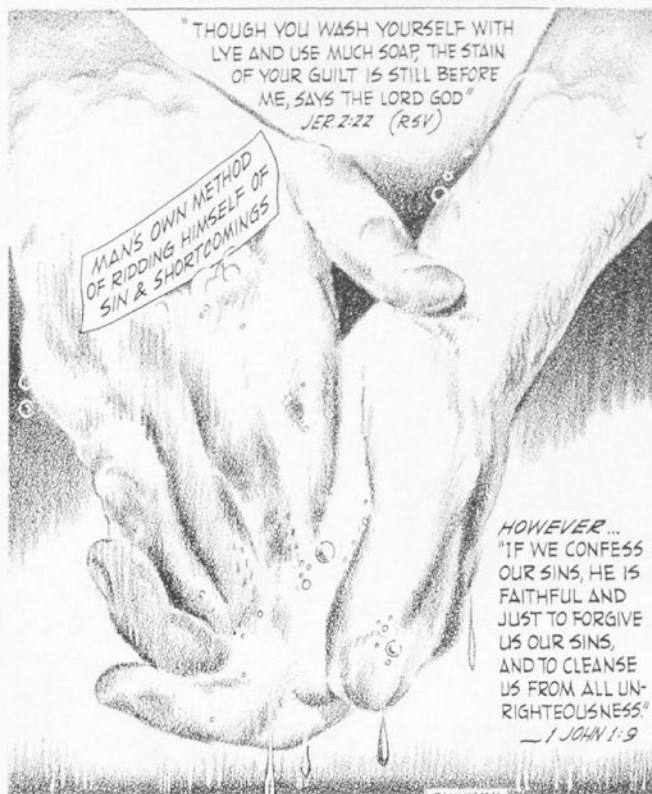
The purpose of public schools is to make good citizens and this cannot be done without moral training. Education without God is a house built on sand. Christian people ought to bombard their Congressmen with demands that the Bible be kept in our schools.

But while we are demanding that this door remain open, we should not overlook the other doors that are standing wide open for the distribution and teaching of the Word. There are opportunities in every community that are not being used. Many homes are without Bibles. In others the Bible is gathering dust. Let us spread the Word and promote its use as widely as possible, that this universal Book may be universally known and loved.

—R.C.C.

LAST CHANCE! After this week it will be too late to order gift subscriptions at the reduced Christmas rate. See the November 24 issue for special rate and order form. The offer expires on December 15.

NEEDED: DIVINE DETERGENT



Are you soft-soaping God? "Duz" you just "Dreft" along with the "Tide"? "Vel" now is the time for "All" to "Cheer" up. If you want real "Joy" the "Trend" is to "Breeze" to church regularly on Sunday mornings. But too many people "Woodbury" their heads in the pillows or work in their yards like "Handy Andy" forgetting that the Lord's Day was made for "Lestoil."

Where our Lord reigns, the "Dove" of peace will never need to send out an "S.O.S." Don't trust "Lux," good or bad. Shall we "Dial" you and remind you of those "Ivory" palaces up yonder?

This is not just idle "Bab-O"! Worship will "Ad" to your "Life-buoy"! So why not be faithful and "Whisk" yourselves out of bed Sunday mornings, dress up "Spic & Span" and "Dash" like a "Comet" to God's house of prayer! Singing "Praise" to God will bring a "Cleanser" to your soul. "Pledge" yourself and "Pride" of a clear conscience will be yours. Your life will then become full of real "Zest."

(We do not know who wrote the foregoing article. It is submitted by Phyllis M. Harlan who copied it from a local church bulletin. "Please send me 100 *Evangels*," Sister Harlan writes. "There is a wonderful opportunity to place *Evangels* and gospel tracts in laundromats here in California. People like to read something while their laundry is in the machines.")

HE GIVES DIRECTION

The golden plover flies away to the Hawaiian Islands for the winter and leaves its young to grow strong enough to follow. When their wings are developed, these young birds rise into the sky and set their course over the Pacific. For two thousand miles they fly across the trackless sea, sometimes through storms, yet unerringly to those tiny islands.



How can you explain the flight of those birds? Surely God has provided for them something akin to our radio beams. And I firmly believe God has made the same provision for His children. When our lives are in harmony with His will, we have "insight," an instinctive sense of the right direction, and we move steadily ahead without fear.

—CHARLES L. ALLEN, in *Healing Words*

NO HOPE OF REUNION

Bishop Phillips Brooks became quite ill and would see no visitors. When Robert Ingersoll, the agnostic, heard that his friend was sick, he called at his home to see him and was admitted at once.

"I appreciate this very much," said Mr. Ingersoll, "but why do you see me when you deny yourself to all your friends?"

"It's this way," answered the Bishop. "I feel confident of seeing my other friends in the next world, but this may be my last chance to see you."

—EMERY G. YOUNG, in *Coronet*

THE ESSENTIAL THING

When life is over and we come into the presence of God, one may be a Gladstone for intellect, a Spurgeon for eloquence, a Rockefeller for wealth, a Milton for poetry, a Beethoven for harmony, a Michelangelo for art, or a Wesley for organization; but if he has neglected the Master's commission of "Go ye" he will stand a pitiable pauper; while the humblest soul winner will be honored with a crown set with stars, destined to shine for ever and ever, because he did the essential thing.

—WILLIAM BELL RILEY

FACES OF FREEDOM

Freedom is many things. To some it is flags waving, soldiers parading, bands playing. Freedom plays a "solo" instrument, but listens with attentive ear in order to blend harmoniously in a world symphony. It is believing, loving, giving, taking. Freedom is release from bondage, yet it is love-bound by ethics, standards, and principles.

Freedom is living with dignity and honor. It is security within the boundaries of good conscience.

Freedom has many faces, but its truest face is described in the Holy Scriptures. It is only when Christ makes us free that we are free indeed. Without this true freedom all men are slaves to self and sin, however free they seem. But neither chains nor dungeons can bind the spirit of the man who has been set free indeed.

—MARGARET MUSE ODEN, in *Pentecostal Holiness Advocate*



This Is That!

BY P. O. CONDIT

RETIRING ONE NIGHT RECENTLY I SOON FELL ASLEEP, but about midnight I awoke with a burden for lost souls and for the spiritual needs of our young people. As I prayed and meditated three words suddenly stood out in my mind: "This is that!"

I was reminded of the occasion on which Peter spoke these words. The Lord Jesus had instructed the disciples not to depart from Jerusalem but to wait for the promise of the Father—that they might "receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8).

On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Ghost filled those who waited, and they began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. With the fulfillment of God's promise there came the miracles of power, boldness, and effective preaching. Explaining what had happened, Peter told the curious crowd, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel," and quoted from Joel 2:28-32.

I remember my own experience of Pentecost. In the fall of 1921 I heard a Spirit-filled evangelist preach under the anointing of the Spirit with signs following. Our little town was stirred when a businessman who had been forced to give up his shoe store because of blindness began to appear on the streets without his cane, having been healed by the Lord Jesus through prayer.

This caused me to search the Scriptures. I was soon convinced that the earlier teaching I had received was not in accord with what I found in the Bible and what I was hearing and witnessing then. I had been trying to live as I had been taught, and yet had grown up without a real salvation experience.

Remembering this, I could not help wondering, "Are

we letting our children grow up in the church without a real personal experience of Pentecost with signs following?"

I learned some valuable lessons about the operation of the Holy Spirit through some experiences I had while farming in Ohio during World War I. To compensate for the serious shortage of farm help a number of farmers organized to purchase threshing machinery and to do our own threshing. Although I did not know much about it, it fell my lot to fire and operate the steam engine which powered the thresher. Every morning I had to clean out the flues, take the ashes and cinders out of the fire box, and build a new fire. No matter how big a fire we had the day before, each new day required new fire. This meant I had to work a couple of hours ahead of the threshing crew in order to have a good head of steam to power the engine when they came.

There must be fresh fire kindled in our hearts by waiting before the Lord if we are to have power to meet the needs and problems of the day. The ashes of yesterday's blessing will not suffice.

I also learned how important it is that we keep our spirits and wills under the control of the Holy Spirit. One day after firing the engine I sat down on a stump about 100 feet away. All at once the engine went out of control, and before I could get to it the engine was nearly wrecked. We found that the governor belt had broken, releasing the entire head of steam into the engine. That little belt, just an inch wide and four feet long, connected the engine and the governor. Without it the engine was like a ship without a rudder.

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THE NEW CONVERT WAS CONFUSED. AT THE TIME OF his conversion he was gloriously blessed, and when he received the baptism in the Holy Spirit he had been filled with great joy. But now in his daily life he was greatly puzzled, for he was having lapses and struggles which seemed so contrary to the experiences which he had received in the altar services.

While kneeling at the feet of his Master, he felt as though he could "run through a troupe and leap over a wall." At other times, temptation would strike like a serpent and he would yield to the tempter. The inconsistencies of life screamed at him.

He was facing a challenge that comes to all Spirit-filled Christians—that of demonstrating their spiritual status in a practical way. For "if we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25).

Even Jesus was no exception, for after His baptism at Jordan and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Him, He too was tempted of the enemy. Paul sums it up: "The flesh [wars] against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary one to the other" (Galatians 5:17).

The reason for this conflict is simple: although God is saving human beings and filling them with His Holy Spirit, people remain human entities with wills of their own. Until Jesus comes, the redemption of the body will not be complete (Ephesians 1:14).

Do you recall how Israel was instructed to possess the land of Canaan? The people had crossed the Jordan River in a miraculous manner, but that was only the beginning of the conquest. Not until they conquered and took possession was the land really theirs! If they had stopped at Gilgal they would have dwindled down to a mere dot on the landscape.

Today a marvelous vista of conquest awaits every child of God. The promise remains for us: "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon..." God still provides situations of contest as the means of testing His people. Private spiritual experiences are precious, delightful, and needful, but the real proving ground for maturing the Spirit-filled child of God is life itself.

The Word of God tells us what a successful walk in the Spirit will do for us. It fulfills the righteousness demanded by God (Romans 8:4), thus bringing life and peace. It is the only way to please God. "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).

This walk in the Spirit is daily *life* and involves *direction* and *control*. Basically it is a walk of faith. "Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God" (Galatians 2:20). At the same time it requires an act of will. "To whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey" (Romans 6:16). As in faith we surrender our wills to Him, the life of the Spirit becomes dominant in us.

Romans 8:6 (*Berkeley Version*) contains a helpful point: "To be worldly *minded* means death, while spiritual- *mindedness* means life and peace." We are made new creatures in Christ Jesus but God expects us to prayerfully cultivate this new life by deliberate acts of dedication and obedience to His Word. Our human will and mind play an important part in working out our salvation.

The Challenge of the Spirit-filled Life

by F. Helen Jarvis

It is not a matter of human emotions. Our motivation can be reduced to simpler terms. Our attitude is: "God's Word says this thing is right (or wrong), therefore I will (or will not) do it!" (The devil is the one who brings in "if's" and "and's" and other subterfuges.) By resolving to maintain this attitude the trusting soul accepts the help of the Holy Spirit and wins the victory.

Jesus demonstrated this in the hour of His temptation. Without argument, He employed the Word of God to defeat Satan. Concerning the godly man it is said: "And in [God's] law doth he meditate day and night" (Psalm 1:2). Under the impulse of the Spirit, the believers must fill their minds with the Word of God if they are to find needed help in their daily walk. (Fortunately, God has so constituted His children that it is possible for them to meet the normal demands of life and at the same time to delight their hearts in heavenly things!)

Moreover, God has given a measuring rod for our thinking: "Whatsoever things are *true*, whatsoever things are *honest*, whatsoever things are *just*, whatsoever things are *pure*, whatsoever things are *lovely*, whatsoever things are of *good report*; if there be any *virtue*, and if there be any *praise*, think on these things!" (Philippians 4:8). If we were to thoroughly consider these ten points what would happen to our conversation and conduct? How do our thought life, our motivations and ideals measure up to this standard? How about the magazines and books in our homes? Perhaps it rules out some popular TV programs.

Romans 8:14 states: "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they ARE the sons of God." Who is OUR guide? If we want to be *true* children of God, then we must walk in the Spirit and pattern our lives not by the ideas of the world but by the teachings of the Word of the Lord.

May God help us to determine to accept the challenge of the Spirit-filled life and WALK in the Spirit. ◀◀◀

The Education of a Soul

BY GEORGE HOLMES



IN BIBLE TIMES A MAN'S NAME WAS OFTEN A KEY TO his personality. A change in name usually reflected a change of character.

But character is not changed as easily as a garment. When God plans a new name for a man, He also plans an educational program to make him worthy of the name. This was so with Jacob. By watching the divine Teacher at work with this unlikely character perhaps we shall better understand His ways with us.

Jacob's early life was influenced by his mother's partiality for him on the one hand, and by the favoritism of his father toward Esau on the other. Rebekah's double dealing nurtured the deceitful tendency in Jacob until trickery became second nature with him. Whatever their reason, his parents had accurately named the younger twin Deceiver.

Jacob's deceitfulness finally forced him to flee from home. It was at this point that God began the transforming educational program that would change the deceiver into a prince of God.

His first night away from home started out as a lonely one. Never before had he been out of earshot of the camp. His rare hikes had always brought him home before nightfall. Now in the quiet solitude God gave him a large dose of self-revelation. He faced the fact that trickery had become so natural to him that he had deceived his own father without qualms. "I am Esau, thy firstborn," he had declared. When his father marveled that he had found the venison so quickly, Jacob replied suavely, "Because the Lord thy God brought it to me." How easily the sanctimonious lie had rolled off his tongue!

Honest self-evaluation was a necessary part of his spiritual education, as it is of ours, for there is no deception quite so great as self-deception, and none quite so dangerous.

God permitted Jacob to lose loved ones and friends and earthly possessions as a lesson in honesty. Here in the wilderness, away from home and with little more than a staff, seemed an unlikely place for a man to meet God. Yet God was there, and while Jacob slept

he received a revelation of God's love that overwhelmed him.

It may be necessary for us too to "reach the end of our rope" before we find a place of full surrender to God. In such a situation it is easy to feel that God has forgotten us. In reality, we are in a position to receive a greater revelation and personal experience with God than we have been before.

It is the kindness of a mother bird that pushes the unwilling fledgling from the security of the nest into the great unknown. It is part of the baby bird's education and preparation for a fuller life than the nest could possibly afford. So there is kindness in God's permitting us to be separated from all that is dear and familiar that we might learn to trust Him more and live a fuller life than we ever thought possible. "I am come that they might have life," Jesus said, "and that they might have it more abundantly."

Into Jacob's life God now poured a moving revelation of His love. God's love had always surrounded him, as it does every one of us, but Jacob, complacent and self-satisfied, had never opened up to it. Now, as his troubled mind sought rest, he perceived by dream how personal and condescending was God's love. The immeasurable space between the courts of heaven and this cringing wanderer was busy with the traffic of angels ministering to him.

This twofold revelation of himself and of his God affected Jacob in five ways. It will do the same for us if we permit it.

1. *It helped Jacob to discover God in every experience.* "Jacob awakened out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not" (Genesis 28:16). It is easy for us to believe God is with us in life's more pleasant experiences. We readily accept them as evidence of His love. But we must also learn to accept seeming reverses, painful delays, and discouraging results as part of our spiritual schooling, and no less evidence that God loves us. George Matheson knew this, and wrote:

"O Joy, that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee."

2. *It changed his sorrow into joy.* "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven" (v. 17). Hardship that helps us to find God more real is a blessing in disguise. Undiluted success is too heady a drink for most of us. We are still in the kindergarten stage of spiritual education, and here thorns are as needful as roses. Adelaide Ann Proctor wisely wrote:

"I thank Thee more that all my joy
Is touched with pain;
That shadows fall on brightest hours,
That thorns remain;
So that earth's bliss may be my guide,
And not my chain."

3. *It constrained him to give himself fully to God.* "Then shall the Lord be my God" (v. 21). Perceiving the love of God through tears we shall love Him more than we did before. When *Jacob* (a deceiver) learned to make this response and committal he was well on his way to becoming *Israel* (a prince). When we have learned to make a fresh surrender each day we have

also learned another lesson in sonship.

4. *It prompted him to devote his possessions to God.* "Of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give a tenth unto thee" (v. 22). Apparently Jacob kept this vow, but many do not. Failure to follow through in this matter can bring about a certain barrenness, a declining joy, an uneasy peace. That soul that has learned to hold lightly the treasures of earth can be trusted with the riches of eternity (Luke 16:11).

5. *He went on rejoicing.* "Then Jacob lifted up his feet and came . . ." (Genesis 29:1, margin). In the morning light Jacob marked and consecrated the place of God's revelation to him. Now he went on, not through fear of Esau behind him, but in assurance that God was before him.

It took years for Jacob to become Israel, but here at Bethel he accepted the foundation principles that set his feet on the right path. ◀◀◀

IN PSALM 104:2 THE WRITER ADDRESSES GOD AS ONE "who coverest thyself with light as a garment." As long as Adam and Eve walked with God they too were covered with this garment of light. It was a part of their God-likeness. When through sin and disobedience their fellowship with God was broken, they exchanged their robes of light and glory for aprons of fig leaves.

Likewise, any child of God who is disobedient and ceases to walk in the light has broken fellowship with Him, and usually substitutes fig leaves (something from the former life) for the spiritual loss.

God's covering of light and glory enveloped Moses on the mountaintop for forty days and nights. As Moses waited in the presence of God and beheld His glory, he was "changed into the same image." His face glowed with the radiance of God's likeness—so much so that when he returned to the people it was necessary for him to wear a veil before they could look upon him.

Moses' experience brings to mind the little motto often seen in Christian homes. It has a fluorescent cross on it which, if exposed to light, will glow in the darkness after the light is out. But it depends upon an outside source for its glow.

On the Mount of Transfiguration God's transcendent glory was manifested as never before in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. What the disciples saw then was not light and glory which had been absorbed from an outside source, but the eternal glory from within, glory which He had with the Father "before the world was." He was "God manifest in the flesh."

It is God's will that His glory shine forth from our lives to glorify Him. This is not a visible halo but the glory of a Christ-honoring life, a godly character. It is the glory of His life being lived in and through us. "Christ liveth in me" is the transforming secret. But Christ cannot live His life in us unless we make Him truly Lord of our lives.

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2). Conformity to the world contradicts the process of being conformed to the image of His Son. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). To do the will of the Father was His sole purpose. In accomplishing this "he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:8). Unless we understand God's plan for us in the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord, and let Him work it out in our lives, all our striving to imitate His life will be in vain. This is not the means of becoming conformed to His image. The work must begin within a surrendered life.



Clothed With His Likeness

BY ERNA BAILEY

In the natural, before one puts on a new garment the old must be discarded. And so it is spiritually. Before we can be clothed with the glory of Christ's life we must "put off the old man [self-life] and his deeds." In Romans 6, God reveals how this is accomplished. Four words in the chapter stand out like stepping stones to lead us into the transformed life. They are: *knowing*, *reckon*, *yield*, *obey*. As we take these four steps by faith, the process of being conformed to His image begins. It will progress until we are fully clothed with His likeness if we continue to be yielded and obedient.

Let us consider these stepping stones to a radiant life. First, what does God desire us to *know*? "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him" (verse 6). The knowledge of our salvation through identification with His death at Calvary is the foundational step.

We must affirm this knowledge by stepping out on the next stone, *reckon*. "Likewise, reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:11). "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). The appropriation is a daily work of faith as we continually renounce self in the circumstances of life, reckoning upon our death with Christ. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

We must identify ourselves with Christ not only in His death and burial, but also in His resurrection and ascension. We must "walk in newness of life" to glorify Him. He "hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:6).

Our third stepping stone is *yield*. "Yield yourselves (Continued on page nineteen)

THIS PRESENT WORLD

Magazines Burned in Public

A public burning of obscene magazines occurred recently on the steps of Messiah Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pa. While some 900 parishioners looked on, Police Commissioner Howard Leary (see photo) tossed the bad books into a portable barbecue pit. Waiting their turn to add magazines to the flame were Dr. Allen H. Wetter,

city superintendent of public schools (shown in center of photograph) and Chief Inspector Harry Fox of the city's detective force.

Pastor W. Carter Merbrier (Lutheran Church in America) said the purpose of the public burning was to dramatize the opposition of the parishioners to the sale of filthy publications. The magazines had been seized by police and declared obscene.

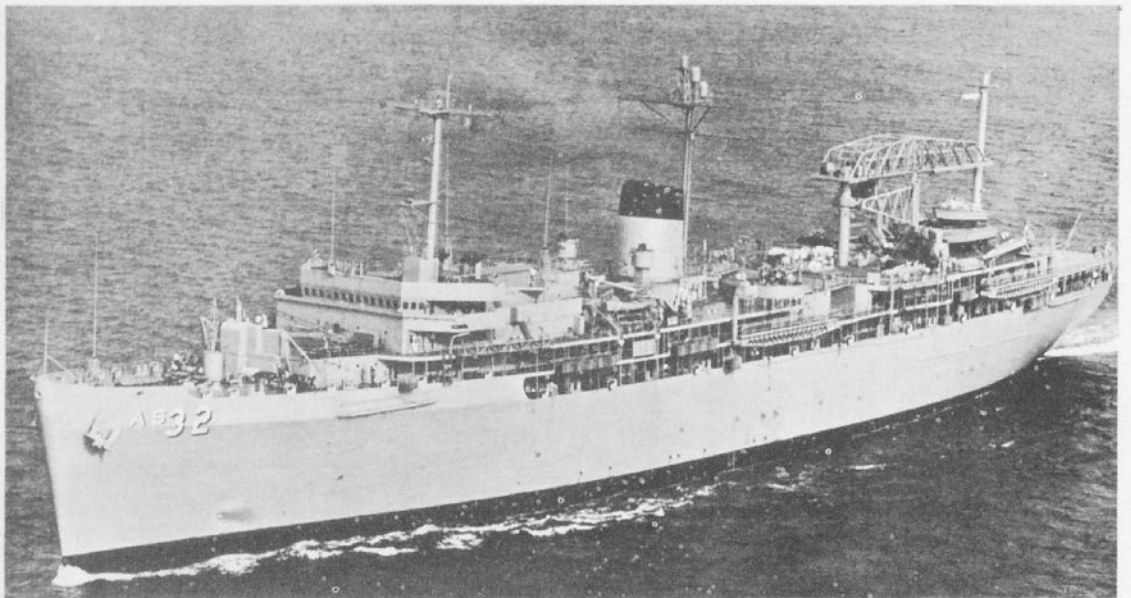
Chaplain Linzey Assigned to New Polaris Submarine Tender

The first chaplain assigned to the *USS Holland (AS-32)*, the Navy's newest submarine tender for Polaris submarines, is an Assemblies of God minister. Lt.-Comm. Stanford E. Linzey, Jr. was assigned to the ship last summer before it was commissioned.

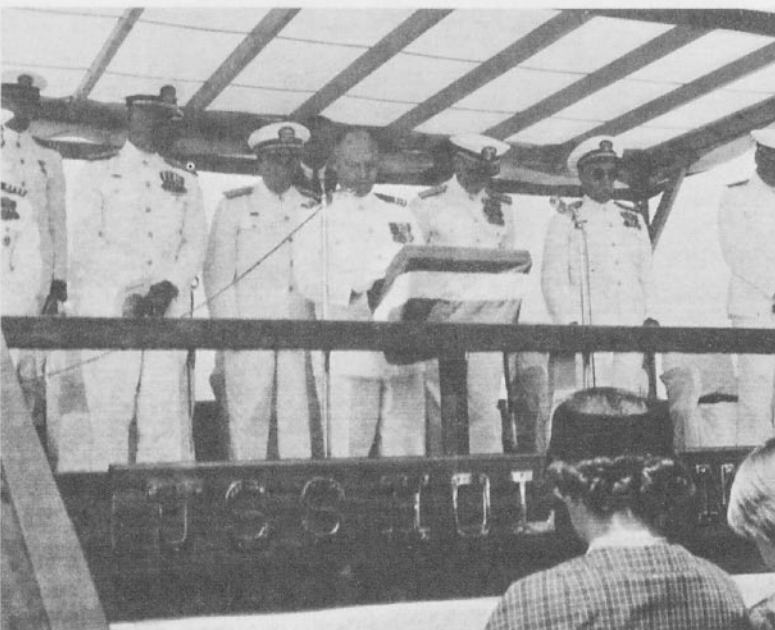
The ship was officially commissioned on September 7 at Charleston, S. C.,



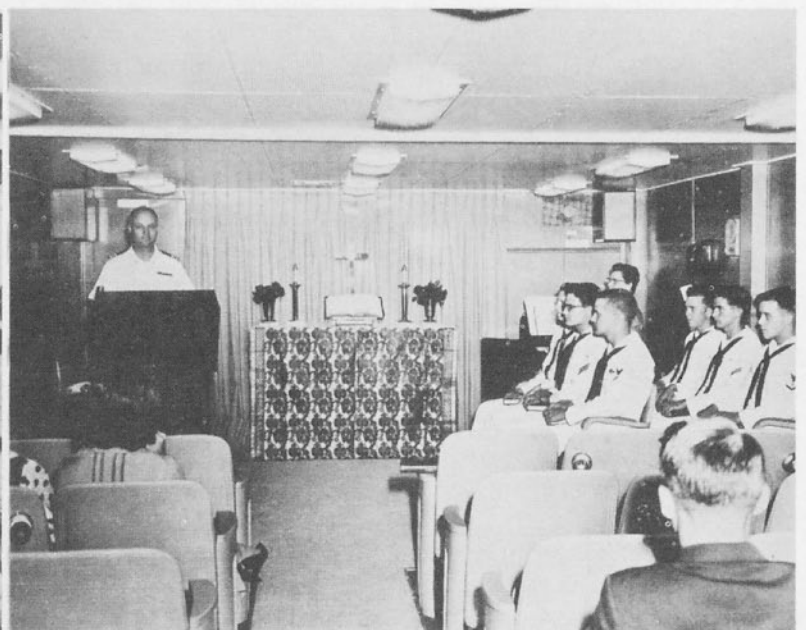
Bad books burned in Philadelphia.



Assemblies chaplain assigned to newest Polaris submarine tender.



Chaplain Linzey participates in commissioning ceremonies.



Worship service is held in USS Holland conference room.

(see photos). Chaplain Linzey gave the benediction at the ceremonies.

A spiritual program was begun immediately for the crew of 1,100 officers and men aboard the 599-foot vessel. Each Sunday, whether in port or at sea, Chaplain Linzey conducts two Protestant services. He reports that attendance at "Divine Services," as the Navy calls them, is growing continually as "the word is getting around that the church can provide a spiritual uplift and good fellowship."

Bombing Brings Proposal of Boycott on Christmas Shopping

As a dramatic protest against the Sunday school bombing at Birmingham, Ala., in which four Negro girls were killed, some Negro artists urged that all Christian people should refrain from any Christmas shopping this year. Some Negro leaders are supporting the idea.

Christianity Today has expressed doubts about the value of the proposal. "Using Christmas as a politico-economic weapon is only another way of abusing Christmas for profit," it said editorially. It said the boycott would "turn Christmas against itself. Christmas is God's gift; a time for giving, not getting."

The editorial concludes: "On the third Christmas, bereft mothers of Bethlehem refused the comfort of Christmas because their children were dead, murdered. Let's not go to the length of replacing all Christmas giving with concentration on a crime for which we rightly feel national guilt."

New Leader Chosen by Salvation Army

Commissioner Frederick L. Coutts, territorial commander of the Salvation Army in eastern Australia, was elected as the Army's international leader at a meeting of its High Council near London.

He will succeed General Wilfred Kitching, head of the Army since 1954, who is retiring November 23 at the age of 70. The new general is the seventh successor to General William Booth who founded the Army in 1865.

S. S. Convention Announced

The National Sunday School Association will have its annual Midwinter Convention in San Diego, Calif., Jan. 28-30, 1964. Prominent speakers and 125 workshops will be featured.



Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS

Does the New Testament say one of the signs of the last days will be a "raiser of taxes"?

We read of a "raiser of taxes" only in Daniel 11:20. This was a reference to an ancient ruler of Syria.

According to Matthew 2:2, Jesus was born king of the Jews, but where does the Bible say He was a Jew?

Jesus was the son of Mary according to the flesh. Mary was a descendant of David who was of the tribe of Judah. The term Jew is taken from Judah, so Jesus, according to the flesh, was a Jew. See the genealogies in Matthew 1 and Luke 3. See also John 4:9 where Jesus was recognized as a Jew by the Samaritan woman.

What did Jesus mean when He said, "Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained" (John 20:23)?

Jesus said something similar to this in Matthew 18:15-19 when laying down principles for church discipline. If a church finds it necessary to discipline, or to excommunicate a member, the Lord supports the church in this disciplinary action. If the offender is restored to fellowship, the Lord supports the restoration.

However, no priest, minister, or organization can prevent a repentant sinner from enjoying divinely provided salvation, and no one but God can provide him eternal salvation.

We are told that prophecy as set forth in the New Testament is preaching. Is this correct?

I would not say that all preaching is prophecy, but I believe that anointed preaching comes under the heading of prophecy. An Old Testament prophet had a message from God, and this should be true of ministers under grace. Old Testament prophets felt a burden, out of which was born their message. This should be true of present-day ministers also.

I do not believe that formal, unanointed preaching is prophecy. The New Testament prophet speaks to men "unto edification, exhortation, and comfort." He has a message from the Lord, which has gripped his heart, which he gives in behalf of God, quickened and borne along by the Spirit.

Since the Holy Ghost came at Pentecost for the infilling of the Church, is it necessary that believers tarry that they might be filled?

God is ever ready to fill with the Spirit, but man needs preparation. I do not know of any blessing from God recorded in the Bible that came without preparation first. At Pentecost, Peter quoted from Joel that in the last days God would pour out His Spirit on all flesh. But Joel also let it be known that preparation must be made before the promise would be fulfilled. The people were to be sanctified, separated from evil, and devoted to God (Joel 2:12-17). Then they would rejoice in the Lord (v. 23). "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh" (v. 28).

This pattern of preparation was followed by the disciples. Before Pentecost came, they had, through prayer and heartsearching, become "all of one accord." And when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all filled. But they were filled because they had prepared hearts.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.

To the Point

When interviewed personally by a religious leader the Lord Jesus clarified a point that holds life-and-death importance.

Interviewing Jesus!

ABOUT THE YEAR A. D. 33 THERE lived in the city of Jerusalem a gentleman by the name of Nicodemus who was one of the religious rulers of the Jewish nation. He was connected with a respectable denomination called the Pharisees, a people zealous of the Law, and most attentive in keeping all the fasts and feasts.

During the Passover week when a

great many strangers from all quarters were in the city there was a considerable stir concerning one Jesus of Nazareth, who was at that time in Jerusalem. He had been working miracles, and had turned out of the temple a number of men who had been making a market of it.

The denomination to which Nicodemus belonged was against Him, almost to a man. Notwithstanding all this, it appears that Nicodemus was unsatisfied; he would not be led by "public opinion," but was determined to go and hear for himself. So after it was dark one night he set off alone to have an interview with Jesus. What passed between them is most interesting to us all.

The interview resulted in this religious gentleman's conversion. Previous to that night he had been merely a religious professor, but after that he was a *possessor* of salvation and a *confessor* of Christ. (See John 7:50; 19:39.) Let us see how all this came about.

Before Nicodemus had been long in the company of Jesus, he was told that "except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

This startled Nicodemus; he believed in men being religious and keeping the feasts, but of being "born again" he knew nothing. Then Jesus told him something else more startling:

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." Not only

wicked men, like drunkards and thieves, need be "born again," but also religious men like you."

This cuts at the root of all human religion. It mattered not how "good" Nicodemus was, or "what church" he belonged to; Jesus said he must be born again, or never enter God's kingdom. It's a "must." Now if any man could have gone to heaven without it, that man was Nicodemus; and yet to him the Saviour said, "*Ye must be born again.*"

You too must be born again; not because you are worse than your neighbors; not because you are a very wicked person; but because you—like everyone else in the world—are a *sinner*. You were born a sinner. You grew up a sinner, with a sinner's nature. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?" No. Why? Because they were so born. So with man. He cannot be reformed so as to please God. He needs to be made "a new creature." It is not a little help that he needs to make him "all right," it is a new life. And this new life must come from somewhere outside himself—from Christ Himself.

Have you found this out, yourself?

What does being "born again" mean? It means more than reformation. There is no substitute for this new birth. Nothing but this will fit you for heaven.

"What must one do to be born again?" Simply receive Jesus Christ, the gift of God. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son" (John 3:16).

"To as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

When a man receives Jesus Christ, the gift of God, he becomes a Christian; in other words, he becomes God's child. He is born of the Spirit. The natural birth is not enough. Jesus said a man must have the second birth also—a spiritual birth. He must be "born of God."

Have you received Jesus as your own Saviour? If you have, then God has received you—you have become a child of God. —*The Gospel Monthly*

CORRECTION

The article entitled, "Evangelizing on the Wing," which appeared in the November 10 issue, was written by Paul Cunningham, missionary to Colombia. Due to a typographical error the byline was Paul Cummings. We regret this mistake.

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Ulcer Healed— Even Scar Is Gone!

FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS I SUFFERED with an ulcerated stomach. Medication and a strict diet were the only help doctors could give me.

In May 1960 our church—the Assembly of God, Washington, Ind.—was engaged in a missionary rally. During one of the services the evangelist asked if someone present was not suffering with an ulcer and needing prayer. I was in such pain I could hardly enjoy the service, so I went forward and they prayed for me. I did not feel much different after prayer. For some time I fought a spiritual battle.

Several months later I had X rays taken. They showed a scar where an ulcer had been. I was sure now that God had healed me, but I still was bothered at times with a nervous condition.

Early this year I was required to have X rays because of the job on which I work. These X rays showed that even the scar was now gone.

No longer do I worry about the medications or the ulcer. Praise God, I am healed by His divine power and happily serving the Lord.—Ray Collins, Columbus, Indiana.

(Endorsed by Pastor R. L. Covington, Assembly of God, Washington, Ind., who writes: "Ray was in our church here in Washington at the time this healing took place. It was a miracle of God's grace.")

Grocer Healed of Cirrhosis

IN DECEMBER 1961 I BECAME ILL WITH hepatitis. After fifty-two days in the hospital I was released.

A few mornings later I was very ill and the doctor told my wife that I now had cirrhosis of the liver and that I could not live. (They did not tell me that, but I knew I was very ill.)

On May 7, 1962, Evangelist Kenneth Hagin began a meeting at Sexton, Tex. I could hardly walk but my wife took me to a service. When Brother Hagin prayed for me I felt the healing virtue of Christ go through my body. I knew that I was healed.

On Friday night of that same week the doctor came to our home to see me but I was not there. The next day I went to his office, and when he saw me he warned me that I should be in bed. "You are going to have to stay in bed for a long time, or you will die," he said.

Then he began the examination. When he finished he knew something had happened. My blood pressure and heart were normal. Only my liver was still slightly swollen. He gave me permission to be as active as I wanted to be.

In a later checkup I was pronounced free of all hepatitis. Now, after almost a year and a half, I am still well and work fourteen hours a day in a grocery store. I am glad Jesus heals today!—Walter Jones, San Augustine, Texas.

(Endorsed by Pastor William A. Colvin, Assembly of God, San Augustine, Texas.)

"The Lord Is My Healer..."

I BECAME ILL WITH HEPATITIS IN April 1960 while we were living in Amarillo, Tex. Because I was expected to stay in bed and had children to care for, it was decided I should go to my parents' home in Harrison, Ark. The pastor, Fred Inman, and his wife and my mother came and took me to Harrison. A doctor there confirmed the diagnosis of the one in Amarillo.

But on the Sunday after my arrival the church folk came and prayed for me. I felt a tingling in my body, and I was healed!

When I returned to the doctor in Amarillo, He was amazed. "Something has happened!" he said. "You are all right now."

I am still well and will always praise God for this healing.

After our third little girl was born in February 1963 I suffered with hemorrhages for two months. The doctor wanted me to enter the hospital,



Meet the Officers

National Council, Light for the Lost



Willis Holbrook
Vice-Chairman

Willis (Bud) Holbrook, an Assemblies of God layman in Milwaukee, Wis. was recently elected to the office of vice-chairman of the National Council of *Light for the Lost*. Mr. Holbrook is owner and manager of an excavating business and is active in his local church program at Calvary Tabernacle, Milwaukee.

As vice-chairman of the Council, Brother Holbrook is responsible for all of the functions of the chairman in his absence, as well as other responsibilities assigned to him by the Council. He also is a member of the Executive Committee of the Council which functions as an interim governing body between the annual conventions.

Mr. Holbrook is currently conducting Men's Fellowship rallies in Wisconsin on behalf of *Light for the Lost*.

but I decided to trust the Lord. One Sunday night I asked my husband to take me to church. There I asked our present pastor, E. L. Holt, to pray for me. The pastor and some of the people laid hands on me and prayed, and I knew I was completely healed. I am still praising God for it!

I would say to every sick person: "Have faith when you are prayed for, and God will bless you greatly!"—Mrs. Fayette Hicks, Harrison, Ark.

(Endorsed by her former pastor, Fred Inman, now of Kansas City, Mo., and present pastor, E. L. Holt, Batavia Assembly of God, Harrison, Ark.)



The development from old church building in Iloilo to new (pictured at left) typifies the growth experienced in . . .

TEN GLORIOUS YEARS

By GUNDER A. OLSEN
Missionary to the Philippines

ON MARCH 12, 1953, WE ARRIVED IN the Philippines to supply for the Warren Dentons, then on furlough. We were to proceed to Indonesia to complete our missionary term as soon as the Dentons returned to the Philippines.

However, God had other plans for us. As we drove through Iloilo City en route to our destination in San Jose, God impressed our hearts to pioneer a work in this third largest city of the Philippines.

On December 14, 1953, the Lord answered prayer by enabling us to lease a suitable building in the Jaro section of Iloilo. Immediately, Merle and Marvin, our sons, and several nationals began assisting in making benches and a pulpit and in cleaning and preparing for services to begin. The first service was held January 17 with seven people attending. Several missionaries and national workers were present for the dedication serv-

ice which was held two weeks later. Edwin Brengle, then the district superintendent, was our guest speaker.

The close of the first year found two hundred attending Sunday school regularly. God was blessing in a mighty way and many souls were saved. A choir and Christ's Ambassadors group were formed. In February, 1954, Fausto Virgo, a graduate of Bethel Bible Institute in Manila, was appointed national pastor.

In January, 1955, Evangelist and Mrs. Ralph Byrd held a divine healing campaign. Many were saved and healed and there was a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. On one day more than fifty were filled, and before the meeting was over more than one hundred had received their personal Pentecost!

When Ernie Reb conducted a week's meeting in 1956, attendance reached five hundred. Because of our growth,

we had to erect an annex to accommodate the people. On November 13, 1956, the Melvin Stewards came to Iloilo to supply for us while we went home on furlough. Brother Steward held a two-week meeting after his arrival and the Sunday school continued to grow. Before we left, a special Sunday school drive was made and a record of almost 1,000 was reached.

The building was too small even with the annex, so we began looking for a larger one. God directed us to a large college building situated in the center of the city. We signed the contract and then left for the United States to raise money to pay for the building. Today it stands as a testimony of sacrifice and answered prayer.

During our second term, two other outstation churches were constructed. Many revival meetings were held and many souls were saved. It would re-



Left: Guimeras Island outstation church pioneered by use of a Speed-the-Light boat. Center: new church recently opened 30 miles out of Iloilo. Right: altar call during evangelistic campaign at Bethel Temple.

quire a great deal of space to name all the evangelists and Bible teachers who have assisted in the work in Iloilo City. Just before we returned home in March, Tommy Barnett held a three-week meeting. At that time our Sunday school broke all preceding records with 1,754 present.

Bethel Temple in Iloilo City is a strong evangelistic center. It is entirely self-supporting and is beginning to help support the outstations. Brother Virgo, who is still the pastor, writes that souls are being saved and healed. The William Farrands are en route to be missionary advisors in Iloilo City.

As we look back at what God has done in the past ten years, we marvel that He allowed us to work with Him in establishing the work in Iloilo City. We have gone through many sorrows and heartaches, including the illness

of our elder son, but God has brought us through. We give Him praise! When we think of the thousands who have been saved and healed, we feel that these past ten years have been glorious and we would gladly say "yes" again to the call of God.

We would like to thank each of you who helped in this work, including the many who have ministered with us on the field, and the many "missionaries" at home who have prayed and given sacrificially to see this work established.

We are now planning to go to the southern islands to pioneer another work. We expect another great move of God as there are yet many who have never heard the good news. We are counting on you to assist us. We believe that the years ahead shall be even greater and more glorious than those of the past! ◀◀

Spirit was outpoured in the early 1940's. Through the years converts of this revival fled to Dakar because of religious persecution and have been waiting and praying for the establishing of an evangelical church. A new, beautiful church will soon be dedicated on the land given by the government, but a vitally active, witnessing congregation is already filling Dakar with its testimony.

For many years, our missionary staff in Congo has labored to establish an indigenous church. Churches were built; the Bible school program flourished; schools became busy institutions, and a press provided literature for the field. National officers worked side by side with missionaries. In 1959, Congo blew up! Churches and missionaries' homes were burned! School buildings, hospitals, clinics were destroyed in senseless violence! But in this scene of revolution and anarchy our churches, our schools, our clinics stood undamaged and untouched. One great reason our work escaped the fury of the extremists is that our missionaries had done an excellent job of developing a truly indigenous church, integrated with the life of the Africans themselves. For this reason the Assemblies of God mission was not looked upon as a foreign intruder."

It was my privilege to spend most of the month of April 1963 in Congo, and I was delighted to find the various programs of the field moving forward under national leadership. The Bible school has more students preparing for the ministry at this time than ever before. The offices of the national church now are all creditably filled by nationals; in spite of the almost complete economic collapse of the country they are completely supporting their own work. Best of all, there is a spirit of revival—an unquenchable fire that burns in Congo.

Politically and economically, Africa presents a great question mark for the future, but the work of God continues to prosper and grow in spite of every problem. To God be the glory.

What's New in Africa?

BY E. L. PHILLIPS, FIELD SECRETARY FOR AFRICA

THE JOY OF BEING THE FIELD SECRETARY for Africa is that everyone is talking about my business. The news media of the world are filled with Africa's news, Africa's people, Africa's problems. Like the size of this elephant continent, its problems are incredibly large and hopelessly complex.

There has been nothing in history like the past decade in Africa. In 1955 the continent contained only three fully independent countries—Ethiopia, Egypt, and Liberia. Today independent countries number 27. Several more are in various stages of receiving their independence peacefully, while in several others there is an sanguinary underground war in progress. Even peacefully independent countries are having their full share of social, economic, and political disturbances. The whole world sympathetically watches the fluctuations of these new nations as they desperately strive for stability. This current African scene is of special interest to us because of the presence of Assemblies of God missionaries and believers in these countries.

With remarkable adaptation and resilience, our missionaries have con-

tinued their work with such success that they have an assured place in the "new Africa." Just as the New Testament churches flourished and grew in spite of an unpromising heathen environment, so the gospel of Christ today takes root and grows in heathen Africa. We have missionaries in 14 African countries and in each of them there are great revivals in progress.

Among one of the most backward tribes in Togo-Dahomey a Pentecostal revival began recently, with many people receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This mighty revival touched many hearts and completely revolutionized the national church. A work that had seemed stalemated is now gloriously revitalized and growing in every direction.

Dakar, Senegal, is one of the largest metropolitan cities of Africa, the capital of a country 97 per cent Moslem. God gave our missionaries there unique favor with the government officials who in turn freely gave a choice piece of land in the heart of Dakar for a revival center.

This remarkable story really starts years ago in the Cape Verde Islands off the coast of Senegal where the

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A Mixed-Marriage Tragedy

This letter was written by a disillusioned Protestant woman in California to one who was contemplating marriage to a Roman Catholic boy.



MUTUAL FRIENDS HAVE ASKED ME to write you concerning your approaching marriage to a Catholic. I myself married a Catholic, so I can tell you first-hand what it involves.

I, too, was raised in a Protestant church. It was an accepted fact that we attend church twice on Sunday, once on Wednesday night for prayer meeting, and often a church "sing" on Sunday afternoon. Through the years I have heard many of the best-known preachers. Bible discussions were always freely held in my parents' home, and Christian publications were in abundance for us to read.

It was therefore quite a shock to my parents to learn I was dating a Catholic boy. They told me their feelings about marrying out of the church. However, they realized it was my decision to make and left it up to me to work out my answer.

I sorely needed advice, for I was deeply confused. I hoped our minister might have a talk with me, for his sister was married to a Catholic. But since I was quite reticent, I didn't approach him with my questions. In search of answers I read many books but none contained the knowledge that I needed. Then I obtained a job in the same city as this young man in

order to be near him, hoping this situation could be worked out.

There was never any question that we deeply loved each other, then or now. We had a wonderful courtship—enjoying concerts, dinners at places with atmosphere, and scenic drives. We enjoyed with few exceptions the same things, and hours were spent in conversation on endless subjects—except religion. Neither of us faced the facts. This boy had been raised by Catholic parents, attended Catholic schools, knew why and what he believed, and lived up to Catholic beliefs.

We had already started the necessary procedure in order to be married by a priest when I made an attempt to talk with a minister. Inside I was sick with wanting this person so much. I wanted to be his wife, have his children. But was I doing what was right before God? Then it seemed if only we could get married all would be well.

I "GAVE AWAY" MY CHILDREN

Would you like to know how my marriage has worked out? Before I continue this letter I'd like to quote the antenuptial agreement:

"I, the undersigned, not a member of the Catholic church, wishing to contract marriage with John Doe, a

member of the Catholic church, propose to do so with the understanding that the marriage bond thus contracted is indissoluble, except by death. I promise on my word of honor that I will not in any way hinder or obstruct the said John Doe in the exercise of his religion, and that all the children of either sex, born of our marriage, shall be baptized and educated in the Catholic faith and according to the teachings of the Catholic church, even though the said John Doe should be taken by death. I further promise I will marry John Doe only according to the marriage rites of the Catholic church and that I will not, either before or after the Catholic ceremony, present myself before a civil magistrate or minister of the gospel."

What a wonderful, glorious experience to have a baby! But my joy was shortlived.

Do you know what is said and done in a "christening"? In infant baptism, after questioning the sponsors, the priest breathes upon the baby's face, saying, "Depart from him, thou unclean spirit, and give place to the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete." Then he makes the sign of the cross upon the baby's head and breast. Blessed salt

is put into the child's mouth. The priest again bids the unclean spirit come out of the child, repeating the sign of the cross.

Continuing, he lays a hand upon the child's head and, holding his hand extended, prays again. The Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer are repeated. Again the priest bids the unclean spirit to depart. Then, taking a little *saliva* on his thumb, he touches the ears and nostrils of the baby. The baby is questioned, with sponsors answering the questions. The baby is anointed with oil on breast and shoulders. Then, with sponsors again answering questions, the priest pours water three times on the baby's head saying, "I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The baby is anointed on the head, the sponsors are given a candle, and then all are dismissed.

I've witnessed this scene several times. The agony I suffered at my baby's baptism was almost unbearable.

OUR LOVE BEGAN TO WANE

Slowly things started to change between my husband and myself. Without realizing it, we started a vicious circle—he drinking, and I nagging. By this time we had three small children. Where was the love that was going to work out all things? We both wanted the children to attend church with us. But there is no room for love if one is filled with hate, for as misery increases happiness decreases.

My husband, before marriage, promised me our children would attend public schools. But they are not! Catholic teaching is included in all their subjects. Church attendance at a specified Mass is required on Sundays. They are told what to wear, what to do, what to think. Now my eldest is preparing for his first holy communion. Sometimes I feel as if I cannot possibly see him do it. The following is copied from his paper, which he has to memorize:

"*Form for Confession.* Sign of the Cross. 'Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. I am seven years old. These are my sins' (name and number of sins). 'For these and all my sins I beg pardon of God and penance and absolution from you, Father' (the priest). (Listen to what Father will say and to the penance he gives. After Father speaks, say act of contrition.) Before leaving say, 'Thank you, Father.'"

In the circumstances under which I live, I can never be completely happy. My husband thinks church once on Sunday is sufficient. He has no interest in discussing religion. He was taught to accept the church as authority in *all* matters. We do not even pray alike.

With the exception of our religious difference, which colors everything (even what you serve for dinner), I could ask for nothing more in a husband. He is kind, considerate, helpful with the children and me. He has taken care of me when I was sick.

But when Sunday comes, and I sit alone in church and see children a little older than my own being baptized as the Scriptures teach—well . . . Do you know what my children want to be when they grow up? The girl, a sister (nun), and the boys, priests!

Yes, we have each other, but I can never give my husband all I'd like to be able to give. A man needs a wife who can back him up in all things important to him. He would like me by his side at church, kneeling together, saying the same prayers.

We disagree about money given to church. Why should I like our money donated to build Roman Catholic churches, convents, and schools? How do you think my husband would feel about contributing to help our missionaries in Germany, Japan, and especially Italy?

WHAT DOES GOD THINK?

A neighbor lady who married a Catholic thought she would remedy the situation by joining the Catholic church, but she is of all people most

miserable. Although she did not have the good church training you and I have had, she at least knows enough about the Bible to know that much of their teaching is wrong and not according to Scripture, and she lives in constant conflict.

This has been an extremely hard letter to write, for I have had to face many difficult things that are now past. It would be comforting if I could blame someone else for having permitted me to make a marriage with so many obstacles to happiness, but I know it was by my own willful doing. I failed to meet the responsibility that is irrevocably attached to the formation and maintenance of a Christian home.

Actually what has troubled me more than anything else is this: *What does God think?* God is a jealous God. I have read in the Old Testament what happened to those who intermarried with other faiths. Are you aware that many of the objects in the Catholic church, and many rituals such as their "Ember Days," are derived from pagan customs? I've heard strange things in Catholic churches—glorying that each mass is again an unbloody crucifixion of Jesus Christ; the boasting of a priest who said quite vehemently that he could spit on the people who didn't believe on Mary as the mother of God.

Dear friend, it is a high price to pay for love. I urge you to stop and count the cost. Don't sell your children's birthright as I did.

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MUSEMENTS FOR MINORS

BY DICK CHAMPION

WINTER'S HERE!

Here are some Bible verses about winter—but some words have been left out. Can you fill in the missing words?

1. "Do thy diligence to — — — before — — —" (2 Timothy 4:21).
2. "And it may be that I will — — —, yea, and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my — — — whithersoever I go" (1 Corinthians 16:6).
3. "He giveth — — — like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like — — —. He casteth forth his — — — like morsels: who can — — — before his cold?" (Psalm 147:16-17).
4. "Thou hast set all the borders of the — — —: thou hast made — — — and winter" (Psalm 74:17).

5. "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the — — —? or hath thou seen the — — — of the hail?" (Job 38:22).

6. "For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the — — —" (Job 37:6).

7. "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and — — —, and summer and — — —, and day and — — — shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22).

ANSWERS:

1—come, winter; 2—abide, journey; 3—snow, ashes, ice, stand; 4—earth, summer; 5—snow, treasures; 6—earth; 7—heat, winter, night.



A Brother Becomes a Servant

Sunday School Lesson for December 15, 1963

JAMES 1:1, 19-27; GALATIANS 1:18, 19; 2:9

J. BASHFORD BISHOP

"James, a servant...of the Lord Jesus Christ." Thus begins the epistle written by the *brother* of Jesus who became the *servant* of Jesus. A review of the *life* of James will help us to appreciate the *Epistle of James*.

Jesus was the "first-born son" of Mary (Luke 2:7); James was the oldest of the other sons of Mary (Matthew 13:55, 56). He did not accept Jesus as the Messiah during Christ's lifetime (John 7:5). He probably began to change his attitude during Jesus' last days on earth. And when Christ appeared to him personally after His resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:7), he became converted. He was present in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost and was filled with the Spirit (Acts 1:14). That he soon became the leader of the Early Church is evident from the following facts: (1) He is singled out among "the brethren" in Jerusalem (Acts 12:17). (2) He was the one who rendered the final decision in the very important Jerusalem Council meeting (Acts 15:6-29). (3) Paul reported to him after his third missionary journey (Acts 21:18). (4) Paul, in Galatians 2:12,

spoke of "certain coming from James" to Antioch, thus implying James' authority.

Down through the centuries James has been known as James the Just—a man who lived a life of sobriety, devotion, and holiness. The emphasis throughout his epistle is upon righteous living as the outcome of real faith. Our text may be treated as follows:

On Hearing the Word (James 1:19-21). (1) "Swift to hear" suggests a *quick ear*. The reference here is to hearing God's Word, whether reading it or listening to it preached. In view of its power, we ought always to give it our undivided attention. (2) "Slow to speak" means a *cautious tongue*. An overly talkative person is seldom a good listener. Again, those who most truly live by the Word will be most careful in their speech. (3) "Slow to wrath" implies a *calm temper*. Since it is by the Word of God that we become "partakers of the divine nature," it follows that the Word is an active agent in controlling the self-life and its propensities. (4) A *prepared heart* also is necessary "So strip yourselves of everything impure and all the evils prevailing around you, and in humble spirit welcome the message which when rooted in your hearts is able to save your souls" (v. 21, *The New Testament*, Williams). Just as seed cannot be sown in unprepared soil, so God's Word cannot be sown in an unprepared heart! This necessary preparation consists in laying aside "everything impure," for such things preoccupy and prejudice the mind so that it is incapable of receiving the Word.

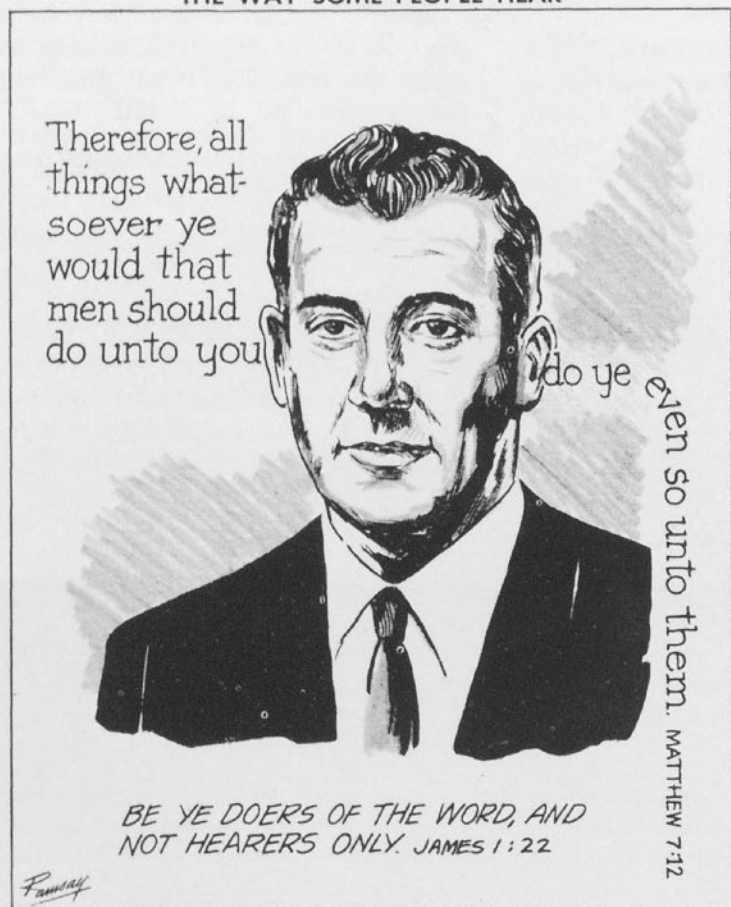
Contrasting the Casual and the Careful Hearer (James 1:23-25). James likened the careless hearer to one who looks at himself in a mirror. A mirror reflects man's outward appearance, but God's Word exposes man's inward nature as it really is. The careless hearer after looking into the Word goes away and forgets what he looked like. Forgetfulness of the revelation from the Word results in self-satisfaction, self-deception, and carelessness in spiritual things.

James then spoke of the careful hearer as one who "looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein." Compare the words "beholding" (v. 24) and "looketh" (v. 25). The Greek word *katanoeo*, translated "beholding," means "to consider, discover, perceive, glance." It is a much weaker word than *parakupto*, or "looketh," which means "to lean over, bend beside so as to peer within, to stoop down, to look into."

What a suggestive distinction! The first word describes the hasty, casual, and thoughtless reader or listener to the Word who goes out into daily life forgetting what he has read and failing to apply it to his circumstances. The other word describes the hungry soul, the devout reader, the man who bends over the Word, kneels before it, feeds upon it, ponders it, and receives it into his very nature. When he goes out into the world and meets its trials and temptations, he applies the Word, and finds he is "more than conqueror" because of its power in his life! "This man," said the Holy Spirit, "is blessed in his deed!"

Satan hates to see a Christian studying and feeding on the Scriptures, and he will use every possible excuse to interrupt him.

THE WAY SOME PEOPLE HEAR



THIS IS THAT!

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In order for that machine to run smoothly there were four requisites: (1) A good fire in the right place to produce (2) a good head of steam which would generate (3) plenty of power to operate the engine—and this was all controlled by (4) an indispensable governor.

These requisites apply spiritually to the church. When there is fresh fire in the pulpit there is power in the pew. Controlled by the Holy Spirit, this power can bring revival to the church.

Brother Bevington, a holiness preacher back at the turn of the century, was led to hold a revival meeting in an old southern Indiana schoolhouse. When the local school board refused his request to use the building he went away disappointed. Having nowhere else to stay, he crawled into a hollow log to spend the night. He began to pray and while praying he saw in a vision the school district trustee unlocking the front door of the school. He saw grooves worn in the floor where the door had swung open for years, and the rusty hinges squeaked. That was all the assurance he needed. He crawled out of that log and the trustee was the first

person he met. The man greeted him and said, "We have decided to let you hold those meetings in the schoolhouse." When the two men walked up to the building, Brother Bevington opened the door with its squeaking hinges and saw the grooves on the floor just as he had seen in the vision. A real revival followed.

A pastor friend of mine was once called to pray for a woman who had suffered a stroke and was helpless. After praying for her and comforting the family, he climbed back into his car and headed home. But on the way he became so convicted for a lack of "that" promised power that he fell down before his Lord and began to pray. He returned to the home in the power of the Spirit and prayed again for the woman. This time she was *healed* and arose from the bed to continue her daily duties as if nothing had happened.

Many times we fail to be effective because we do not wait upon the Lord for that promised power but go about our work and worship trusting in the fact that we once had the fire and power in our lives. No wonder we often fail. If we are to be effective Christians we have no alternative but to wait for the promised power and let it influence everything we do. We must seek it for ourselves, and earnestly pray that our children will also seek it and let the Holy Spirit operate in their lives. They must know by experience as well as by precept that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord" (Zechariah 4:6).

CLOTHED WITH HIS LIKENESS

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unto God, as those that are alive from the dead" (Romans 6:13). The word translated "yield" here carries also the thought of presenting, offering, or dedicating ourselves to God.

This is important, but it is incomplete unless followed by the last step, which is *obedience*. "To obey is better than sacrifice." "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16).

Having taken these steps we are challenged to seek those things which are above, "seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him" (Colossians 3:1, 9, 10).

If we are to be clothed with His likeness we will "put on . . . bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing . . . forgiving . . . and above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness" (Colossians 3:12-14). Our adornment will be "that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" (1 Peter 3:4). "And be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5). "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof" (Romans 13:14).

The more fully we identify ourselves with Him by faith, the deeper we will enter into the Christ life and

all that it involves. Constantly beholding our Lord, we shall be "changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

But whatever spiritual heights we may obtain in this life, we can still say with the Psalmist, "I shall be satisfied, when I awake, in thy likeness" (Psalm 17:15). For nothing short of this complete conformity to the image of the Lord can fully satisfy the hearts of God's chosen ones. ◀◀



CHURCH CELEBRATES PASTOR'S 6TH ANNIVERSARY

Members of the First Assembly of God at Denham Springs, La., are celebrating their pastor's sixth anniversary on December 8. Pastor L. L. McGuire (inset), who answered the call to this church in 1957, writes: "The picture shows the church since the educational section was added. The addition, covering over 1,000 square feet, contains a pastor's study and space to permit growth in the Sunday school. The design features a brick screen with a weather-protected walkway behind it."



MIRACLE IN A STORM

BY PAUL E. BILLS

Barrow, Alaska

GALE FORCE WINDS ARE NOT UNUSUAL in the Arctic. Barrow, situated at the northernmost tip of the continent, surrounded by ocean on three sides and by bare tundra on the other, is frequently buffeted. Therefore we were not greatly alarmed on October 3 when we awakened to the howling of a strong west wind.

Barrow is the largest Eskimo village in the world with a population of some 1,500.

As the wind intensified to hurricane force (85 miles per hour) it soon became apparent that this was the worst storm ever to hit our village. Huge waves and high tides surged into the lower village sending huge chunks of ice, oil and gas drums, and other debris smashing into boats and buildings. Houses were picked up and carried like matchsticks. Some held together, others disintegrated. One floating house hit a guy wire causing a 300-foot radio tower to crumble.

If You Hurry . . .

THERE IS STILL TIME TO SEND YOUR Christmas offering for home missionaries. Your contribution is needed to make it possible for us to send each home missionary a small bonus check. You can thus share in making this Christmas a merry one for these missionaries wherever they may be—far back on an Indian reservation, or in the frozen North. Send your offering direct to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.



Mrs. Adams, a member of the Assembly in Barrow, and six other Eskimos were miraculously protected during the recent Arctic storm.

A 300,000-gallon fuel tank was picked up like a toy and deposited some 300 yards down the coast. The tank ruptured causing thousands of gallons of fuel oil, mostly in the form of spray, to whip through the village, thus creating a serious fire hazard.

Many boats, planes, and vehicles were being destroyed. Four miles up the coast the DEW (Distant Early Warning) line camp was suffering severe damage.

Suddenly as we were watching this awesome spectacle, we remembered Sister Ida Adams from our church and the six others who lived on even lower land out near the point. Were they rescued by the men from the DEW line? Communications revealed that they had tried to rescue them but had had to turn back. We feared the worst.

It was not until after dark that a track vehicle was able to surge through yet swirling waters to the area. Miraculously the small group was safe in the Adams house. On Sunday night

Sister Adams gave her testimony of how God undertook for her and the others during the storm.

The surging ocean swept completely over the spit of land, enveloping everything except her house. Two men living in a tent quickly sought refuge there. Four others, including Mr. Claire Okpeaha (famous as the man who ran some 12 miles to bring the tragic news of the plane crash which killed Will Rogers and Wiley Post), remained in their houses until it became apparent that they were in danger.

Two women trudged through a hundred yards of swirling water to reach the Adams house which was still miraculously untouched by the waves. Mr. Okpeaha and his grandson decided to try to free their chained dogs. Rising water forced them to leave their humane effort and hurry to the Adams house. They had gone but a short distance when a wave knocked the older man down. Only heroic efforts by the grandson and the two men who hurried from the Adams house saved him from being swept away. They carried the unconscious man into the house. Efforts to revive him seemed futile. Sister Adams knelt down, and after praying she called him by name. He opened his eyes and revived, much to the relief of everyone.

By this time the entire spit of land was enveloped. Other buildings and equipment were either moved or collapsed, including the Okpeaha house which was swept away. The only dry land in the area was that around Mrs. Adams' house, *in spite of the fact that the land is the same level as elsewhere*. Water came near the door, but always stopped short or went around on either side.

Mrs. Adams' boat and cache in the back likewise escaped almost certain destruction. On one occasion the waves brushed the sides of the house, but after specific prayer was made not another drop came. There can be only one answer—God sent His angels.

When asked whether or not she was frightened during the storm, Mrs. Adams smiles and answers an emphatic "No!" God's presence permeated her soul. Maintaining an attitude of worship and praise, she prayed and trusted God for deliverance. The howling winds and the treacherous Arctic Ocean had almost

completely enveloped her and the small party huddled together in the little frame house, but within the heart of this dear old Christian Eskimo there was a perfect calm as a result of the still, small voice which whispered, "Peace, be still."

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Editor's Note: No one was killed at Barrow which, in itself, is a miracle, since objects were flying at great speeds through the air. The water came up gradually so that people were able to escape. If it had happened at night the outcome might have been different. About 26 houses either were damaged or were completely swept away. Brother Bills' airplane was lost and probably is either submerged in an ice-covered lagoon or is out on the tundra somewhere buried with snow. They had just completed the roof on their new youth center the day before the storm. Neither it nor

the church was hurt, but damage to the village and to the DEW line camp was estimated at over a million dollars.

Wainwright seemingly did not get the full intensity of the storm. Cecelia Piper, the local missionary, was away at the time. She traveled by plane, thus her plane escaped the storm. Nothing was damaged at Wainwright except a couple of boats. Other villages also escaped the full fury of the hurricane.

At Wainwright, the storm actually brought blessing to the people. They are now feasting on fresh sea foods such as butter clams, bushels of shrimp, lovely scallops, and other delicacies brought in by the tremendous tides. Also tons upon tons of coal were carried in with the tides. Every home now has sufficient coal for the winter hearth. Over a ton has been gathered for the church as well. ◀◀



HOME MISSIONS

BREAK-THROUGH!

AN ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH in every American community is the *Breakthrough* theme for 1964.

Breakthrough — 8000 rallies will be conducted in districts, sections, and local churches during February. Top objectives of the rallies are to *inform*, to *inspire*, and to *unite* the movement in a great church-extension thrust.

Rally offerings will be designated for the new *Sites for Souls* program which has been developed to assist with the purchase of strategically located sites for pioneer churches.

while others contributed money for packages. Items permitted in the packages are: candies of all kinds, cakes, cookies, shelled nuts, white shirts, and white socks. (Of course, no cigarettes, tobacco, or gum are included.)

Since this program has worked very well for us, we believe that chaplains of other prisons might be happy to receive this type of assistance in providing a merry Christmas for forgotten men and women behind the bars. Why not contact the chaplain of the prison nearest you today? ◀◀



The 'Forgotten Men' Program

By R. S. WATSON

Chaplain of Kilby Prison
Montgomery, Alabama

NOWHERE IN THE WORLD DOES Christmas have more meaning than in the prisons. For a few short days each year the gray, drab monotony of endless days is broken and each prison becomes another better world as the traditional yuletide adornments brighten the halls and cellblocks with their cheery colors.

Christmas is a time of rejoicing for the inmates. Normal restrictions are relaxed and each prisoner is allowed to receive Christmas packages from loved ones and friends—packages which remind the men of happier days and hold promises of better days to come.

However, there are hundreds of men in the Alabama institutions, as in other prisons over the land, who have no loved ones or friends. To make sure that these "forgotten men" do not go through the holiday season without some remembrance, the Door of Hope Chapel started a "Forgotten Men" Program five years ago. This has filled a definite need in the men's lives at Christmas time.

Our first Christmas observance was devoted to the needs of those in the main hospital and the TB hospital. The public's response to the appeal for this program was encouraging from the first and has continued to grow.

In order that the other "forgotten men" also might share in the joys of Christmas, we enlarged the program. Each year the idea has grown, and last year we provided Christmas packages for 622 of these men in the five institutions which I serve as chaplain. The approximate cost of each package was three dollars. Quite a number of people contributed packages of cakes, cookies, candies, etc.,



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Have You Prayed for Your Rulers Lately?

A Matter of Much Importance

By JOHN W. SANDERSON, JR.

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE DISTURBING news reports today? As a father, do you wonder what security there is for yourself and your family? As a mother, do you ask yourself, "Have I brought children into the world for *this*?" Do you young people feel discouraged as you try to plan for the future?

Such questions may provoke an answer of helplessness such as, "I am only one; what can I do?" Or, some may reply, "But after all, I am a Christian. Heaven is my home and my concern. Why should I be interested in politics, current events, or future prospects?"

It was during a time of frustrating world conditions that Paul wrote, "I exhort therefore that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Timothy 2:1, 2).

To Paul, prayer was not a luxury to be enjoyed at will; it was an obligation of the greatest importance. We should pray for all men, but Paul singled out one class for special mention. He said we should pray for "kings, and for all that are in authority." We should pray for them lest we hate these ministers of God (Romans 13:4). It is manifestly impossible to hate those for whom we

pray sincerely. We should pray for rulers because they are God's instruments for carrying out His purposes for the world and its people.

When was the last time you prayed for the governor of your state? For our president? For the rulers of other nations? Paul is not only making a pious suggestion. It is a commandment of supreme importance.

CONTENT OF OUR PRAYERS

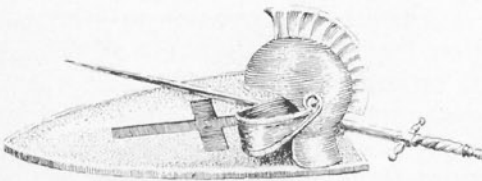
We should pray for those in authority, Paul says, "that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty." They control the lives and destinies of millions of people.

We see this vividly in God's message to Israel, in Jeremiah 29:7. The Lord was preparing His people for the chastening experience of exile. Their city would be besieged, attacked, and destroyed; their homes would be burned; their children kidnapped; their wives torn from them. How the Israelites would be tempted to hate; how indeed they would be tempted to call for vengeance! Yet the message of God was: "Seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the Lord for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace." As dwellers in Babylon the Jews would starve with the Babylonians if there were a famine; they would be in danger

if Babylon went to war. They would be involved in the affairs of Babylon until the exile was over; so it was to their own interest to pray for Babylon.

It is even so today. We cannot dissociate ourselves from the affairs of the world; we are involved in them. The church is not *of* the world, but it is *in* it. So we must pray for the authorities of the world. Missionary activity has been greatly curtailed as a result of the Cuban revolution. The exodus of Romanist priests and nuns was widely publicized, but Protestant missions have suffered as well. When was the last time you prayed for Mr. Castro? Mr. Khrushchev? Mr. Kennedy?

Following the second world war, when Britain was struggling to regain economic stability, it was illegal to send British funds out of the country. This meant the curtailing of foreign missions, among other things, for when money cannot be exported, missionaries cannot be sent out and supported. Do you want this to happen in the U.S.? When was the last time you prayed for the Secretary of the Treasury, the chairman of our Federal Reserve Board, or the economic advisers to our President? If our dollar imbalance becomes so acute that currency cannot be sent abroad, some of the first agencies to suffer will be



Be Strong!

Be strong!

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle; face it,
'Tis God's gift.

Be strong!

Say not, The days are evil—who's to blame?
And fold thy hands and acquiesce—O
shame!

Stand up, and speak out bravely,
In God's name.

Be strong!

It matters not how deep entrenched the
wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day how long,
Faint not, fight on!
Tomorrow comes the song.

—Maltbie Babcock

the mission boards. This is a matter of spiritual importance.

We should pray also for rulers that they may be saved. Calvin puts it this way, "In a word, Paul intended to show that it is our duty to consider, not what kind of persons the princes at that time were, but what God intended them to be." God "will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." There is therefore no class of men beyond the grace of God. We should pray that God will give us Christian magistrates and rulers.

Sin is a great leveler. The whole world has "become guilty before God" (Romans 3:19). And grace is a great leveler too. No one is beyond the grace of God in Christ. The righteousness of God is "by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe" (Romans 3:22). "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). And "whosoever" includes "kings and all who are in authority."

The great example of this is Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel 4 is a copy of his decree addressed "unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth." He writes: "Peace be multiplied unto you. I thought it good to show the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me." This pagan monarch exclaims of our God: "How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders. . . . Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase" (vv. 1-3, 37).

If Nebuchadnezzar could be brought to praise God, is there any ruler today so proud or so hardened in sin that God cannot save him? Have you prayed for the conversion of modern Nebuchadnezzars? Can you believe that kings today will still "praise and extol and honor the King of heaven"? Have you prayed that they will?

ACCEPTABILITY OF OUR PRAYERS

This is not only something which God commands; it is a prayer which so accords with our Lord's desire that He has promised in advance to answer it. "This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour." Think what this means!

Christians are the greatest force on earth today because God delights to order world events in response to the

prayers of His own people. It was said of Luther that he accomplished as much in his warfare with the pope and emperor by his prayers as by preaching, lecturing, translating, and writing. And it is a historical fact that the Reformation prospered when either pope or emperor could have snuffed it out. Somehow each was thwarted. God in His providence was so ordering the nations and their affairs that neither pope nor emperor could accomplish what he desired to do.

Through prayer Christians today can thwart the ambitions of dictators with the result that we may "lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

—Condensed from *The Presbyterian Guardian*

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BY WILDON COLBAUGH

ENLARGE THE PLACE OF THY TENT . . . stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes" (Isaiah 54:2).

During the past ten years of broadcasting on the ABC radio network and on independent stations, *Revivaltime* has been released on nearly 1200 stations. This has sent the full-gospel broadcast service into every corner of the nation and most foreign countries. More than a million letters received by the Radio Department confirm the great outreach of this radio ministry.

While it may not be possible in every case to point to some specific way the local church has been helped by *Revivaltime*, yet our fellowship as a whole has experienced an unusual increase of influence for the full gospel as the Pentecostal message has been preached on the air. Today people are more willing to attend our Spirit-anointed services.

In many areas where home mission projects have been initiated the workers discover that *Revivaltime* has already broken the ground for them. People are aware of the full-gospel message, and when they learn a church is related to the broadcast service they respond. The evangelists and field workers note the widespread impact this radio ministry has made. Interest in their campaigns has been helped.

Revivaltime is our broadcast, and we are all benefiting from its tremendous weekly outreach. For its

monthly support, the Radio Department is entirely dependent upon the free-will offerings of its friends. It deserves the support of every church and minister, and is worthy of a greatly expanded ministry.

To strengthen and expand our *Revivaltime* network is one of the objectives of our Tenth Anniversary observances. To accomplish this requires the cooperation of all our churches and ministers. We can do together what we cannot do alone.

WONDERFUL HEALING A RESULT OF REVIVALTIME

The effect of the Holy Spirit-anointed ministry of *Revivaltime* was well illustrated recently when Chester G. Christensen, a member of another denomination, gave his unusual testimony at the Kansas City *Revivaltime* Crusade and origination. He said:

"I became ill with osteomyelitis, an infection of the bone, in the upper left leg. An abscess formed, causing great pain and suffering. Between March and August, 1962, I was hospitalized four times. I did not work all those months.

"Dr. Allen Tuftee of the Beloit Clinic, Beloit, Wis., performed bone surgery and cleaned away the abscess in April. The leg kept swelling and filling with infection. It was opened to the bone several times but would not heal.

"In July I was sent to a bone specialist in Kansas City, Kans. He and another specialist conferred on my case. Both doctors, after X-ray-

ing the leg, said they could only try. They suggested the diapulse machine and the drug protophilin. They both were sure that I needed two major operations. I was in St. Margaret's Hospital, Kansas City, for 23 days. After all the treatments my leg was again opened twice and packs were put into it.

"I returned home to Beloit. Dr. Tuftee continued opening the leg. In September an X ray showed two large holes in the bone itself. Apparently I was at the end of my rope.

"Then I sent a letter to *Revivaltime* requesting prayer. We all prayed in earnest for God to undertake where doctors and drugs had failed.

"A few days later a letter in telegram form came. 'The answer is on the way,' it stated. How it cheered our hearts! I truly felt the answer was on the way.

"I returned to work at the Beloit Fairbanks plant with my leg an open wound. But praise God, I was healed. Dr. Tuftee said, 'I don't understand it, but we will keep our fingers crossed.'

"In June, 1963, God opened the doors for my transfer to the Kansas City Fairbanks plant where I was made supervisor of maintenance. I walk mile after mile in the plant area on *two good legs*. My left leg has been sound for more than a year. Praise God! He hears prayer and heals today."

TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND OUTLETS

Testimonies such as this one can

be multiplied many times by strengthening and expanding the number of stations over which *Revivaltime* is broadcast. There are now more than 3,600 radio stations in the United States, so there remains a great potential for additional outlets.

It is the purpose of the Radio Department to tell the world as quickly and as powerfully as possible the full gospel of Christ's saving, healing and baptizing power, and to herald the glorious prospect of His soon return to the world. Radio is the fastest, most economical and most personal way to accomplish this. We must take advantage of the wonderful opportunities to use radio today!

Each church of our fellowship should share the joy and the burden of the *Revivaltime* broadcast service. Intercessory prayer in behalf of this missionary evangelistic outreach should be a part of the local church's regular ministry. The daily testimonies received in the Radio Department would be your reward.

Here is the plan for expansion. Let each of the 8,473 churches of the Assemblies of God pledge one dollar or more a week to this radio ministry. A rapid growth will result when this is achieved. Many millions more will hear the full gospel, be saved, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and be healed and blessed.

During this commemoration of *Revivaltime's* Tenth Anniversary on the radio network, the Radio Department is counting on our churches to pledge by faith to give regularly each month to meet the production and airtime costs of *Revivaltime*.

The great task before the Radio Department cannot be accomplished with only a few faithful supporters. It requires that every church give its proportionate share. Every church, regardless of how small it is, can do this. The new *Breakthrough* church in Evanston, Ill. began its budget with a regular offering to *Revivaltime*. Every church should write the Radio Department into its program of regular giving.

A GIFT FOR THE MINISTER

In appreciation for your church's act of faith, the Radio Department will send your pastor the seventh book of our PULPIT series. PULPIT No. 7 is the latest published book of C. M. Ward's radio sermons. The hard-bound volume, valued at \$3.95, contains all 52 sermons preached on the ABC radio network during 1962.

Brother Ward's wide variety of message topics compiled into one book provides a convenient source for answers to many of today's most perplexing and troublesome problems. Some of the titles, suggestive of the contents, are: "Power Politics,"

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If you are an evangelist or minister engaged in service other than pastoring a church, you may receive a complimentary copy of PULPIT No. 7 by personally pledging to give regularly to *Revivaltime*.

Revivaltime is the radio voice of the 8,473 churches of the Assemblies of God. Amplify the voice of your church by pledging your prayers and financial support to this worldwide missionary radio ministry. Both *Revivaltime* and your church will receive benefits from this act of cooperation. Use the accompanying coupon for your church pledge or personal minister's pledge to the Radio Department.

While making your pledge to give regularly to the Radio Department, why not send an extra offering to help us celebrate our Tenth Anniversary? Remember our slogan "\$10.00 for the TENTH." ◀◀

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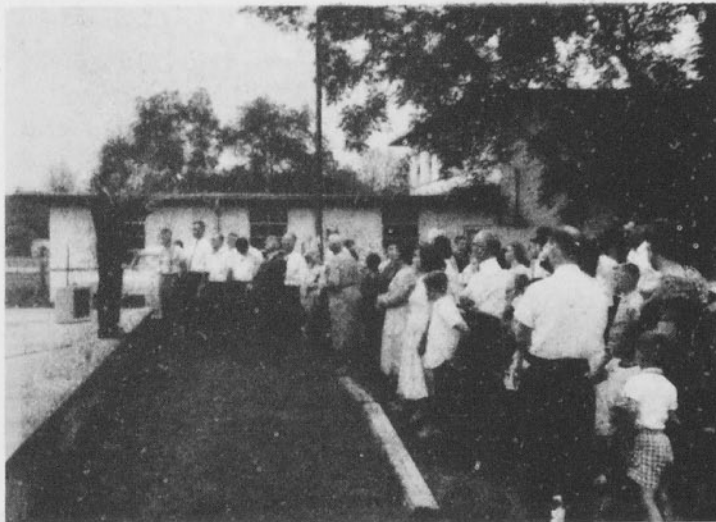
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Copies of "The Last News" were given out on the streets.



The Greensboro meeting closed with an outdoor rally . . .



. . . with a unanimous response to the call for consecration.

GREENSBORO, N. C.—Evangelist Michael Lord's "God Save America" crusade effectively combined with the C. A. "Probe" campaign at the Assembly of God here. Newspaper, radio and television facilities were employed. One thousand copies of "The Last News" were given out in each service and distributed by the young people in the schools and on the streets. Teen-agers and adults found Christ as Saviour, Baptizer, and Healer. In the concluding open-air rally, Evangelist Lord spoke on the topic, "What a Communist America would be like." The service concluded with a call for consecration. (Fred Rogers, pastor and sectional C. A. leader.)

HIGHWAY CITY, CALIF.—The Assembly of God here reports a successful revival with Evangelist Ralph W. Gaither. Among those saved was a blind family who have taken their place in the church.

A combination homecoming and groundbreaking service was held on Sept. 29. Sectional Presbyter Robert Robertson of Madera, Calif., was the speaker. Pledges amounting to \$300 per month were received to meet the payments on the new construction loan. Construction of a new edifice on the two acres recently purchased was to begin in November.

—E. M. McKim, Pastor

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FONTANA, CALIF.—Evangelist and Mrs. R. M. Hargis of San Bernardino, Calif., conducted a two-week revival at the Calvary Assembly of God. Some were saved and a number refilled with the Holy Spirit. Others have been saved in the regular services. Calvary Assembly has moved to a new location at Olive Street and Merrill Avenue.

—J. W. Dollins, Pastor

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PALESTINE, TEX.—In a recent revival the ministry in sermon and song by Evangelists Paul and Patricia Emerson was a blessing to the Glad Tidings Assembly of God here. Several were saved, a number filled, and attendance is higher since the meetings.

—H. R. Granberry, Pastor

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DETROIT, MICH.—Evangelist Hart Armstrong recently conducted a two-week revival campaign at the Evangel Assembly of God here. Souls were saved. The church benefited by the teaching ministry and was awakened to renewed interest in soul winning.

—Fred Smolchuck, Pastor

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ATLANTA, GA.—The congregation of Bethel Temple here was greatly helped by the solid preaching of Marvin L. Smith of South Florida. Attendance was excellent throughout the one-week revival meeting which closed October 13.

—Grover Langston, Pastor

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GARY, IND.—Evangelist Rose Marie Meringola of the Eastern District ministered in a three-week revival meeting at the West Gary Assembly of God. The meetings were well attended. Five per-

sons were saved, five reclaimed, eight baptized in the Holy Spirit, five refilled, six baptized in water, and five united with the church. Many claimed healing and deliverance as they were anointed and prayed for.

—B. E. Hillman, Pastor

COLUMBUS, KANS.—A week of special services under the ministry of Evangelists John and Bonnie (Ruble) Eller of South Carolina concluded September 15 at the First Assembly of God here. Two were saved, and one reclaimed. Crowds were consistently good. "Old-Fashioned Night" created much interest.

—Gene Paul, Pastor

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OSBORNE, KANS.—The Assembly of God here closed a revival with Evangelist Ray Eskelin of Michigan on October 13. The ministry of the Word and special music was an uplift to the church. Fifteen received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many others were refilled and drawn closer to the Lord.

—H. M. Hollis, Pastor

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GREENBRIAR, MO.—The entire church was stirred by a recent three-week revival at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist and Mrs. Bill Heady and daughter of Prescott, Ariz. Five were saved. Two (including a Methodist minister) were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—James Johns, Pastor



CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND.—Evangelist and Mrs. Jerry Roberts (left) and Pastor and Mrs. John E. Smith are shown in front of the church billboard during recent revival meetings at First Assembly of God. Sinners were saved and one filled with the Holy Spirit. Twelve persons followed the Lord in water baptism.



TAUNTON, MASS.—This photo was taken outside the First Pentecostal Church during the meeting with the Spencer Weddle Evangelistic Team. A unique feature which helped to increase the attendance was the appointing of "pew pastors," whose obligation it was to see that the pews assigned them were filled each night. The Sunday school attendance record was broken. The Weddle Party provided 30 minutes of music in the city parks each Friday and on Sunday afternoons. More than 1,500 invitations were given out to passers-by. A 30-minute broadcast was also acquired on a local station. Individuals responded to the altar call for salvation each night. Pastor Richard J. Bergstrom states that since the revival several have written of their appreciation for being contacted by the various media used.

ARTHUR BROWN, 74, of Kountze, Tex., went to be with Jesus September 21. He was a member of the South Texas District, having been ordained in 1941. Pastorates held by Brother Brown were in Orange, Kountze, Baytown, and Smithville, Tex. Survivors include his wife Louie and eight children.

MANUEL G. FRANGOS, 72, of Los Angeles, Calif., went to his eternal reward September 22. He was pastor of the Greek Full Gospel International Assembly in Los Angeles. Brother Frangos had been active in the Greek Branch of the Assemblies for some time. Last year he affiliated with the Southern California District. He is survived by one child.

KENNETH B. DAVIES, 56, of Kendallville, Ind., died September 15. He had been pastor of the Kendallville Assembly since 1960. Ordained in 1950 with the Indiana District, he began pastoring in Rochester. Later he went to Elgin, Ohio; Geneva and Oil City, Mich.; Columbia City and Fort Wayne, Ind. Survivors include his wife Mary and five children.

DANIEL THOMAS HINSON, 58, of Gary, Ind., went to be with Christ October 7. Since his ordination in 1949 he pastored churches at Glen Park, Chesterton and Black Oak. During the last year of his ministry he was in Portage, Ind., but due to ill health he had to resign. Survivors include his wife Violet.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Northeast Bible Institute Choir will give a Christmas cantata at First Assembly in Trenton, N. J., Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. Also at the Baptist church in Baptistown, N. J., Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m.—by James Occhipinti, C. A. Representative of Central New Jersey.

WITH CHRIST

G. LEE HARDCASTLE, 78, of Nacogdoches, Tex., fell peacefully asleep in Jesus July 19. He was ordained in 1956 and served as an evangelist in the North Texas District. Survivors include his wife Naomi.

R. E. PEACOCK, 49, of Troup, Tex., died September 24. He was a licensed minister with the North Texas District. Brother Peacock was pastoring in Troup, Tex., at the time of his death. Survivors include two children.

C. FRED STEELE, 82, of San Diego, Calif., went to be with Jesus September 26. Ordained in 1921, he was affiliated with the Southern California District. Pastorates he held were at Los Angeles, San Diego, and Lakeside, Calif. He served as superintendent of the Latin American Bible Institute for eight years. In 1951 Brother Steele was superannuated. Survivors include his wife Flora.

ENOCH C. WOOD, 59, of Baltimore, Md., fell peacefully asleep in Jesus June 27. He was the founder and pastor of Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle where he had been for twenty-four years. For the last fifteen years he also conducted a daily radio broadcast in Baltimore. Brother Wood, ordained in 1925, also pastored

churches in Pasadena, Md.; and Waynesboro, Pa. Survivors include his wife Eva, four children, and two grandchildren.

JOHN W. HUDSON, 81, of Broken Arrow, Okla., went to be with his Lord September 10. Brother Hudson attended the first General Council session in Hot Springs, Ark., in 1914. He served as an ordained pastor and evangelist since 1916. Some of the churches he pastored were at Savanna, Van Buren, Collinsville, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Rockford, Shawnee, Asher,

Konawa and Dewey, Okla., and Fort Smith, Ark. He served as presbyter in Oklahoma for ten years. Brother Hudson was superannuated in 1951. He is survived by three daughters and three sons.

ROSS P. SHELTON, 83, of Mansfield, La., died October 7. He was ordained in 1942 and a member of the Louisiana District. Before his superannuation in 1950 he pastored in Many, Mansfield, Bernice, Summerfield, and Lake Providence, La. Brother Shelton is survived by three daughters.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Clanton	Pinedale	Dec. 10-15	Charles H. Harthorn	Paul H. Harthorn
Calif.	Carlsbad	Gospel Tab.	Dec. 11-15	The Don Tanner Team	P. A. Zimmerman
	Needles	A/G	Dec. 15-22	Marvin Schmidt	Mary A. Campbell
	Sacramento	Country Centre	Dec. 9-15	Rick & Anita Howard	Jim Grams
Colo.	Greeley	Evangel Temple	Dec. 10-15	Bob Pruett	Ken George
D. C.	Washington	Bethel Pent. Tab.	Dec. 4-15	Guy W. Duty	J. Renton Hunter
Fla.	Lakeland	Midway	Dec. 11—	Don Parker	Louis Yeako
	Lake Worth	Trinity	Dec. 5-15	James Boettner	Arthur McCray
Idaho	Caldwell	First	Dec. 10-15	Linfield Crowder	Edward Caldwell
Kans.	Turon	A/G	Dec. 9-22	Don Logan	James Smith
Mich.	Gladwin	A/G	Dec. 10-15	Joel Palmer	Burdette Faulk
Minn.	Windom	A/G	Dec. 10-15	Arthur & Anna Berg	Clinton Fick
Mo.	Smithville	A/G	Dec. 3-15	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Robert Gouge, Jr.
	Tarkio	A/G	Dec. 9-22	Al Davis	Leroy Rogers
Mont.	Wolf Point	A/G	Dec. 11-22	John French	W. L. Roset
Nebr.	Holdrege	A/G	Dec. 4-15	Musical Lebsacks	Herbert DeMent
	Lexington	A/G	Dec. 1-15	Jerry & Joy Spain	Dale Eden
N. J.	Passaic	Trinity Pent. Ch.	Dec. 10-15	Dave & Jan Olshevski	David Clattenburg
N. Y.	Center Moriches	A/G	Dec. 11-15	Richard Mohrman	Leonard Burket
Ohio	Grafton	Midview	Dec. 10-15	Tommy Wilson	Evan Richards
Okla.	Duncan	Bethel	Dec. 9—	Erwin Moore	Marcus Alexander
Pa.	Reading	Glad Tid. Tab.	Dec. 10-15	Gene Burgess	Joe Bodie
Tex.	Grand Prairie	Evangel Temple	Dec. 10-15	William Kirschke	Jim Morrison
Wash.	Camas	A/G Tab.	Dec. 11-15	Wesley F. Morton	N. Glenn Rich
Wyo.	Cheyenne	First	Dec. 1-15	Ray C. Eskelin	Lloyd Christiansen
Samoa	Pago Pago	*A/G	Dec. 10-30	Tommy Barnett	Claude Rediger

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RECENTLY I WAS FACED WITH THE possibility of almost certainly losing the use of my right arm. For some months I had suffered intense pain in my forearm. It had become virtually impossible to close my hand or to pick up and grip even a pencil.

My arm was examined by an orthopedic surgeon. The X rays revealed that the smaller muscles in my forearm had become entangled and were being irritated by a constant rubbing

together when I moved my arm. The doctor explained that this condition could not be corrected by an operation because the muscles were too small to be separated. He said my arm would never be better but gradually would become worse.

After two months of trying all the recommended treatments and drugs to no avail, the doctor placed my arm in a sling. This was strapped around my waist to keep the arm immobile

for a time with the hope that such rest would cause the irritated muscles to heal.

Naturally I was disheartened, for this meant that I would not be able to keep my position as secretary with a large corporation. Neither would I be able to continue using my talent for the Lord as a chalk artist.

My arm was placed in the sling on Friday, and on Sunday I attended church. That night my pastor asked all those who needed healing to come forward for prayer. I knew—without a doubt—that I served a God who could heal my arm. He could do what doctors could not do—so I went to the altar believing that He would do just that.

Praise His wonderful Name, He did not disappoint me! Before I reached the altar, I felt the power of God flow through my arm to the tips of my fingers, and I was sure God had done something for me. As I stood there while my pastor and others prayed, I felt led to remove the sling.

In the next few minutes, I fought a desperate battle with doubt, but as I waited in prayer, the courage came to trust God for my healing. I faced the fact that at this point I had nothing to lose and everything to gain. So there at the altar I took off the sling and immediately the pain subsided.

God proved faithful that night, and because I was obedient to His leading, the full use of my arm was restored. Since that night, I have had no further pain, and the strength in my right hand and arm is far greater now than it ever was before.

A few months later my left leg became completely numb, making it difficult to walk. The doctor recommended hospitalization and a series of complicated tests. This time I did not despair because I knew the same God who had healed my arm could restore the feeling to my leg.

Once again I went to the altar for prayer, and God honored my faith and the prayers of His people. Today there is no trace of numbness in my leg, and I write, type, and paint with a completely normal arm!

How thankful I am that I serve an all-sufficient Lord—One whose promises are sure and true—One who hears and answers prayer today!—Mrs. Doris C. Pearman, Bessemer, Ala.

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DURANT, FLORIDA—The 56th annual camp meeting held at the Pleasant Grove Assembly of God campgrounds October 10-20, 1963, had the largest attendance in many years. The altars overflowed with seekers as God's blessings came down. Many were saved and filled with the Spirit.

Evangelist Calvin Melton of Mobile, Ala., preached with great power each night. Evangelist B. R. Minton of Tallahassee, Fla., was the morning Bible teacher. His arresting presentation of Biblical prophecy drew large crowds to the morning meetings. Other workers who ministered effectively were Mrs. Winnie E. Hansberger, who conducted the early morning prayer meetings; Mrs. Carnell Bruce, who directed the Children's Church; and Simon Lynne who led the singing.

Pastors of nearby assemblies were the afternoon speakers. J. D. Courtney, superintendent of Peninsular Florida District, spoke on a Sunday afternoon. Mayme Williams, missionary to the Philippines, was speaker at the missionary rally.

R. L. Beavers, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Assembly, served as camp director. An extensive remodeling project on the camp tabernacle gave it a new look and contributed to the comfort of the congregation.

William Emanuel, who was pastor of the Pleasant Grove Assembly at Durant a number of years ago, says the history of this camp goes back more than 56 years.

"Pleasant Grove," he says, "was the site of Holiness meetings as early as the 1880's. Some noted preachers ministered there—Bud Robinson, L. L. Pickett, Dr. B. Carradine, and Will Huff. These men were giants in the Holiness movement around the turn of the century. Later Aimee Semple McPherson and Dr. Chas A. Shreve were among the great preachers at the historic old camp.

"The Pentecostal fire began to burn at Pleasant Grove in 1907," Brother Emanuel continues. "F. M. Britton held a short meeting at Waucula in April of 1907. The late Sam C. Perry drove a horse and buggy to Waucula and persuaded Brother Britton to come to Pleasant Grove, which he did at the close of the Waucula meeting. The revival began in May and ran for ten weeks. I am told that at least 150 were saved in that first meeting and that most of them received the Pentecostal experience.

"For many years," he continues, "there was no established church at Pleasant Grove—only the camp meetings. In 1923 a small group began holding regular services, first in a church across the road from the camp tabernacle and later in the tabernacle itself. Under the dynamic leadership of Pastor R. L. Beavers an extensive remodeling project has been completed. The Pleasant Grove Assembly now has an attractive air-conditioned auditorium second to none in the district; so this has been a great year for the Assembly both physically and spiritually."



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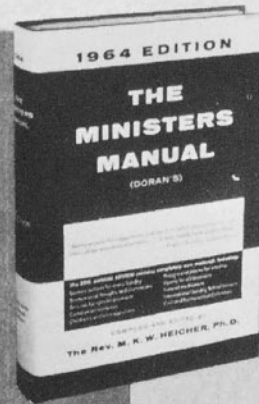
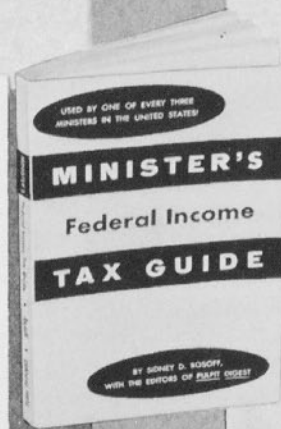
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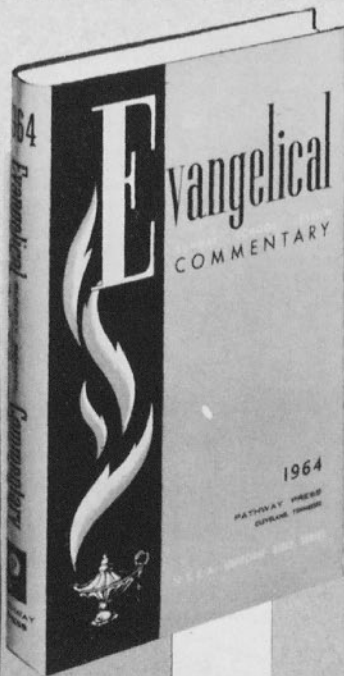
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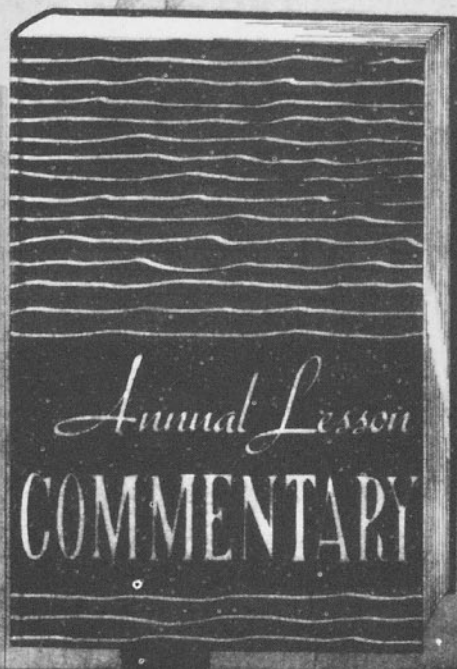


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Premier Cyrille Adoula added, however, that the expulsion does not mean a break in diplomatic relations with Moscow. He said his government would consider the credentials of any new diplomats the Soviet Union might send.

Adoula's order, issued Thursday, followed the arrest Tuesday of two Soviet diplomats on their return from neighboring Brazzaville, where they were said to have made contact with antigovernment exiles. They were carrying documents, officials said, proving "irrefutably" that they had been in contact with a government in exile opposed to Adoula.

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Unofficial reports said nine persons were killed and 60 wounded.

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